

gar under the name of *White Wine Vinegar*, has proved too strong to be corrected in the interval of time (somewhat less than a year) between the publication of Departmental Standards, and the inspection now reported.

It has not been the usual policy of this Department to penalize vendors of foods (where no injury to public health was involved) until the lapse of at least one year after the adoption of standards. For this reason I would respectfully advise publication of this report rather as a criticism and a warning to manufacturers and dealers. Inspection of Vinegars will be made continuously from this date; and dealers and manufacturers cannot plead insufficient notification if, on future occasions they are dealt with strictly in accordance with the terms of the Act.

This recommendation to leniency has reference only to those samples of Spirit Vinegar which have been supplied under the incorrect name of Wine Vinegar; and is made in recognition of the long established, but misleading, custom of the trade; a custom which is made illegal under the Order in Council above quoted.

Where surrogates for Malt Vinegar or Cider Vinegar are offered, no such excuse can be urged. Both Malt and Cider Vinegars have long been manufactured and sold under their proper names; and no valid excuse can be made for selling as a Malt Vinegar an article which is not made from malt, or as a Cider Vinegar, an article which is not made from cider. Twenty-three (23) samples sold as Malt Vinegar, are found to be adulterated under the Act, in the sense that they are not made from malt. Five (5) samples sold as Cider Vinegar are found not to comply with the standards for this article, and are therefore declared adulterated.

I beg to recommend publication of this report as Bulletin No. 313.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

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