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OTTAWA, 20th June, 1900.

The British *Sale of Food and Drugs Act*, as amended last year, provides that the term "food" shall include, "any article which ordinarily enters into, or is used in the composition or preparation of human food." This amendment leaves no doubt that Baking Powder are "food" for the purposes of the Act, a point which was not made clear in the original. Since January of this year, many convictions against vendors of Alum Baking Powders have been secured, it having been shown to the satisfaction of the Magistrates, that Alum is injurious to health, and a dangerous component of human food.

The Canadian *Adulteration Act*, as amended in 1888, defines "food" as "every article used for food or drink by man or cattle, and every ingredient intended for mixing with the food or drink of man or cattle for any purpose whatsoever."

In accordance with the decisions of the British Courts, there can be no doubt that similar findings would result from prosecutions for the sale of Alum Baking Powders in Canada; and it will be obligatory upon this Department to carry such cases to court, as provided in the Act above mentioned.

Since, however, the sale of such powders has been permitted for many years, it is thought desirable to notify dealers of the intention of the Department in this matter, and to fix a time limit, after which the Act will be enforced in this regard.

The next systematic collection of Baking Powders will be made in December of the present year and proceedings will be instituted against all vendors of Baking Powders found to contain Alum.

I remain, etc.,

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