

A highly objectionable practice indulged in by certain wine merchants, is the false labelling of native wines. The use of labels bearing the names of foreign makers, and places (presumably of production) is apparently nothing else than fraud. Sample No. 31577 is labelled *Fine Old Port, Manuel Borez, Oporto*.

The only preservatives found in these wines are salicylic acid (in 29 samples) and sulphurous acid, or a sulphite in two samples.

This report cannot be taken as exhaustive for the subject with which it deals. The ash of wine, and its mineral constituents are matters of importance, as also the determination of glycerine and other secondary products of fermentation. Other important work necessitated the omission of these estimations; and the report must be regarded merely as a further contribution to the study of Canadian wines.

I beg to recommend its publication as Bulletin No. 160.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

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