

3829. Adulteration of oats. U. S. v. 1 Carload of Bulk Oats, so-called. Consent decree of condemnation and forfeiture. Product ordered released on bond. (F. & D. No. 6268. I. S. No. 13783-k. S. No. E-213.)

On February 5, 1915, the United States attorney for the District of Connecticut, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 1 carload of bulk oats, so-called, remaining unsold in the car at Oakville, Conn., alleging that the product had been shipped on or about January 22, 1915, by Fagg & Taylor, Milwaukee, Wis., and transported from the State of Wisconsin into the State of Connecticut, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act.

Adulteration of the product was alleged in the libel for the reason that water had been added to and mixed with the oats in such a manner as to injuriously affect the quality and strength of said product.

On February 15, 1915, the said Fagg & Taylor, a copartnership, claimants, having consented to a decree, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be released and delivered to said claimant concern upon payment of the costs, upon amending the bill of lading and invoice covering said carload of bulk oats, if necessary, upon reducing the water content of said bulk oats to 14 per centum or less of the entire bulk thereof, under the supervision of an inspector of the Department of Agriculture, and upon the execution and filing of a bond for \$500, in conformity with section 10 of the act.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 10, 1915.*