

**5798. Adulteration of eggs. U. S. \* \* \* v. Mitchell Produce Co., a corporation. Plea of guilty. Fine, \$25. (F. & D. No. 8251. I. S. No. 1350-m.)**

On June 14, 1917, the United States attorney for the District of South Dakota, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district an information against the Mitchell Produce Co., a corporation, Mitchell, S. D., alleging shipment by said company, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about September 15, 1916, from the State of South Dakota into the State of Massachusetts, of a quantity of eggs which were adulterated.

Analyses of samples of the article by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed the following results:

Eggs unfit for food purposes (average of four cases) (per cent) -----	13.3
Eggs unfit for food purposes (average of ten cases) (per cent) -----	14.7

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the information for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On October 5, 1917, the defendant company entered a plea of guilty to the information, and the court imposed a fine of \$25.

*CARL VROOMAN, Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*