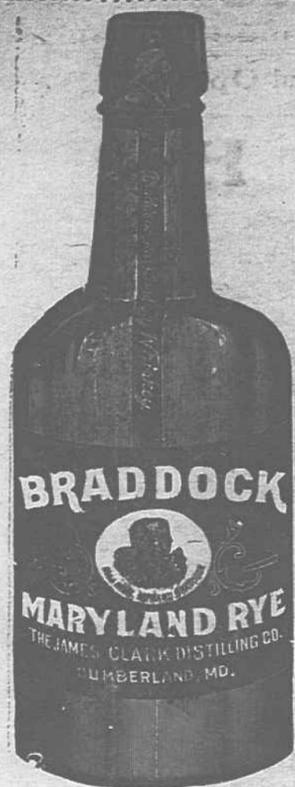


## National Liquor Dealers Are After Frauds.



### Braddock Maryland Rye

Absolutely Pure  
and Unadulterated

### The Premier American Whiskey

IS NOT BOTTLED  
IN BOND

To Fool the People  
and Induce Sales

### Pure Braddock Maryland Rye Whiskey

is so strong that it could not be used if bottled in bond at 100 proof as required by the Government, therefore it is put on the market at 95 proof and is of ample strength for general and Medicinal uses.

Every barrel bears the Internal Revenue Stamps as required by the laws and honestly represents the strength and quality of the Whiskey.

General Counsel Warwick M. Hough, of Pittsburg, for the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America, has issued the following circular letter to the trade which relates to the seizure of bottled-in-bond whiskies, on the ground of shortage in proof, a circular that proves of interest not only to those engaged in the liquor business, but also to the general public:

"Apropos of the numerous seizures now being made of bottled-in-bond spirits on account of a shortage in proof, and the numerous inquiries received as to what to do, I desire to say that the Internal Revenue laws require that an Internal Revenue stamp, at the time it is affixed to a package containing distilled spirits, shall correctly represent the contents in all respects; though there is nothing in the Internal Revenue laws which requires that the contents of a package shall continue to conform to the contents as indicated by the stamp.

"The only packages of distilled spirits which are required to bear an Internal Revenue stamp, are the wooden packages containing five gallons or more, and the so-called bottled-in-bond packages which are glass.

"Spirits stored in wood can change in proof and volume from natural causes, such as temperature and moisture, but distilled spirits placed in glass cannot change in these respects from such causes.

"If upon opening and examining distilled spirits contained in wood, there is found to be such a difference in the contents as could be due to natural causes, or to the addition of water, such condition furnishes no ground for seizure or forfeiture.

"If, however, upon opening and examining a glass package of distilled spirits, the contents are found to be different in proof or volume from the proof or volume marked upon the package, such condition furnishes a prima facie case for seizure and forfeiture, on the theory that the contents of the bottle, at the time the stamp was affixed at the distillery, could not possibly have conformed to the contents as marked on the stamp.

"In the event, therefore, of the seizure of bottled-in-bond goods which have never been opened prior to such seizure and examination by the revenue officers, the dealer in whose possession such goods are found and seized, should notify the distiller or bottler at once, and call upon him to protect or reimburse him on account of the seizure."

F. C. Sturm, of Philadelphia, secretary of the Blenders' association, says of the circular issued by Mr. Hough, in part as follows:

"It indicates not only how a fraud can be perpetrated upon the retailer or consumer of such whiskies, but also how the wholesaler or retailer handling such whiskies may be unconsciously subjected to fines and penalties under the Internal Revenue laws.

"Heretofore it has been the practice of the Internal Revenue officers to examine such whiskies on the premises of the retailer, and only after the bottles have been opened by the retailer, in which case such shortage of proof would be invariably charged to the retailer.

"If, on the other hand, the package should be examined by the Revenue officers before it has been opened by the dealer, and found to be short of proof, such shortage could only have occurred on the premises of the bottler at the distillery, who should be required to assume the burden.

"The danger to the retailer is that the examination by the Revenue officers in the majority of cases takes place upon his premises, after the bottle has been opened by him, and he is required to bear burdens which do not properly belong to him.

"If any distiller intentionally fails to make the contents of the bottle conform to the stamps, with the idea that if discovered, any retribution therefore will fall upon the retailer, it is a mean trick to play upon the retailer; and the retailer in many cases does not know his rights in the premises."—Telegram, Nov. 3, 1903.



This section is over run with house to house out of town Whiskey Salesmen who submit Samples of Whiskey, but ship altogether a different grade of goods. Look out for them Buy your Holiday and Medicinal Liquors right here at home, where you can have them drawn right from the barrels in your presence. That's what we are willing to do if requested. We bottle our own goods every day direct from the barrels and as received from the distiller. The longer in the wood the better.

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