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Canada Sends It in Cans!

Some Hilarious Holiday Spirits Probably Could be Traced to the Introduction of Canned Canadian Booze



*A Pint of Canned Whiskey
from Canada*

THE most successful prohibition drive used to be the drive to Canada. But judging from the holiday illicit liquor trade this idea has been figuratively and literally canned, for booze now flows from Canada in CANS!

Bearing the name of a prominent Montreal distiller, quart and pint size cans started flooding the Eastern part of the United States around Christmas and New Year's. Especially in Washington, the capital of this legally dry republic, were canned intoxicants in evidence. The price was quoted at \$70 a case of 24 pints.

The liquor is not put up the same way as syrup and other fluids marketed as canned goods. Cans opened and their contents inspected at the Pathfinder office revealed interior bottles protected by cardboard in hermetically sealed containers. The bottles were removed from their air-tight compartments by means of the can opener accompanying each can.

The cans bear four Canadian patent numbers and the inside bottles show the Canadian government export stamp and the notations "100 proof, U. S. standard" and "one quart, U. S. standard." The particular brand bears the label attesting it to be "pure rye whiskey," "aged in wood," and "bottled in bond under government supervision."



Radio programs sponsored by the Canadian liquor interests are censored by Uncle Sam—yet canned Canadian liquor manages to get in.

The story about this latest rum-running racket as whispered at Washington indicates that the canning method is by far the best method yet devised—from the liquor trade's point of view—to beat our prohibition enforcement. The cans, it seems, are packed in cases and then smuggled in as ordinary canned goods with less trouble and less possibility of detection than the ordinary unprotected bottle method. There is some indication that the canned spirits are spirited into this country not only by the Canadian border but also by a round-about route via the sea. But whatever method, the cans are here in great quantities.

The advent of canned booze will undoubtedly make prohibition discussion in Congress less of a dry subject than ever. Meanwhile it is a peculiar state of affairs at the capital which shows great activity of authorities in trying to keep out the products of Maryland and Virginia stills—the “little fellows”—while so much booze canned by the “big fellows” is apparently unaffected and to be had all over the city.

Small wonder that in view of the new canned product from our friendly northern neighbor a local wag suggests renaming the Great Lakes the GREAT LEAKS! Thus, what we may really need along the Canadian border is not a barbed wire fence, as many suggest, but a brass rail.