

CARELESSNESS IN WEIGHING COAL CHARGED

Better Business Bureau Secretary Makes Report of Investigation.

ONLY 55 PER CENT RIGHT

Weighmasters of Indianapolis coal yards are "tremonously careless," according to a report of an investigation of the weight of loads of coal on wagons of local dealers, made public today by G. F. Olwin, vice-president and manager of the Better Business Bureau.

The investigation was made by the bureau in cooperation with Edward McGuff, chief of the city department of weights and measures, and the results showed that loads on wagons of practically every retail coal dealer in the city, One hundred and fifty loads were reweighed, disclosing shortages ranging from ten to 300 pounds per ton in seventy-four cases, Mr. Olwin said. Sixty-one of the loads were overweight from ten to 250 pounds per ton and only twenty-four, or a little more than 10 per cent, were correct.

The investigation would indicate that the average coal dealer is just as honest as the average man in any other line of business, but that there is a considerable amount of carelessness on the part of the weighmasters," said Mr. Olwin. "It would seem that in a great many instances the man who loads the wagon guesses at the amount he puts on and then the weighmaster makes out a ticket with a guess on it, and whether the load is fifty pounds overweight or underweight, going on the theory that, so far as the coal merchant is concerned the loads will average.

FAMILIES CHEATED BY CARELESSNESS.

However, the family which received short weight on coal pounds on coal selling at \$10 per ton is being cheated out of 25 cents, and it does the family no good that some neighbor may get fifty pounds more than he pays for."

Mr. Olwin said that the attention of the Commercial Credit, Audit and Correct Weights Bureau, a retail coal merchants' organization, has been called to the facts developed and that this body has assured the Better Business Bureau that it will cooperate in seeing that its member dealers will not cheat their customers from their own organization at once.

A letter is being sent by the bureau to every coal dealer upon whom reweighs were made, giving the results of the investigation in general and the specific facts developed in his particular case. The dealers are told that additional reweighs will be made from time to time and that those who cheat short a second time will be prosecuted upon both the first and the second offenses.

NO MERCY WHERE EVIDENCE CLEAR.

The investigation was brought about through numerous complaints of suspected short weights, most of them being on the so-called "coal peddler," Mr. Olwin stated. "There is evidence in some cases that a peddler will take an or-

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der for a ton of coal, make out his own ticket, usually before the coal is loaded at the yard, and then, when the ticket showing the load to be 2,000 pounds net, they go to the yard, buy 1,650 of 1,750 pounds and deliver it to the customer for a ton. Such cases as this, where the evidence is clear, will be prosecuted without mercy."

In continuing its work along this line the bureau will investigate periodically coal yards, for the purpose of publishing columns of newspaper giving only a telephone number or the name of a company not known to be in the coal business, Mr. Olwin said. The bureau will endeavor to learn not only if correct weight is being given, but also whether the kind of coal advertised is delivered.

NUMBER OF SALES
ALL CONDEMNED.

Judge James A. Collier of the Criminal Court will be the principal speaker Tuesday night at a banquet to be given by the Michigan City Rotary Club at Michigan City. His subject will be "Assets and Liabilities."

MOTION PICTURES.

"MOVIE STARS"

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AND MORE TO COME

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