

were so alarming that they promised to be extremely serious, for, officially, the refiner was obliged to pay for the oil on the basis of the chemist's certificate, and the chemist was reporting results which could not be obtained by the refiner. While this spread in the wrong direction for the refiner, it was somewhat lessened as the season progressed, it called for some emergency action, which was taken last November, and it resulted in a

recommendation by the Chemists' Committee that the prescribed caustic treatment be reduced in strength to eighty per cent of the maximum given in the official method. This was doubtless a step in the right direction, but it would appear from some of the reports of the refiners that we might step further in this direction before approaching the economic status of this problem. Progress is expected this year.

Report of the Chevreul Prize Committee

BY DAVID WESSON, CHAIRMAN

THESSE prizes were established in 1926, and named in honor of the great French Chemist Chevreul, who discovered that the vegetable and animal fats and oils consist of combinations of Fatty Acids and Glycerin.

They were offered for the three best original articles appearing in the Oil and Fat Industries Journal during the season 1926-1927.

At the meeting of the American Oil Chemists Society at Memphis 1927, it was decided to extend the time until April, 1928.

The Committee has decided that articles received up to April 1 but published at a later date would be eligible.

To be considered the articles must have practical bearing on the fat and oil industry and be of use to the same.

The competition is open to non-members of the society.

The judges selected are:

Dr. C. A. Browne, Chief, Bureau of Chemistry, United States De-

partment of Agriculture; Dr. Charles H. Herty, Chemical Advisor, Chemical Foundation, New York, New York; Dr. Allen Rogers, Prof. Industrial Chemistry, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, New York.

The prizes are as follows:

The first prize	\$150
The second prize	100
The third prize	50

Referee Applicants

The following have applied for Certificates as Referee Chemists of The American Oil Chemists' Society; (second publication):

W. J. Bramblett, Texas Testing Laboratories, Fort Worth, Texas.

Industrial Laboratories, by H. M. Bulbrook and F. C. Schilling, Fort Worth, Texas.

A. H. Preston, Southwestern Laboratories, San Antonio, Texas.

H. M. Shilstone, New Orleans, Louisiana.

J. H. Sorrels, Terrell's Laboratories, Fort Worth, Texas.