

'SANDWICH MEN' BRING DOWN RETAIL PRICES

Dr. Grimshaw Tells of Cuts on Food of as Much as 50 Per Cent. After Their First Trip.

Dr. Robert Grimshaw, special lecturer in the New York University, said last night that he was well satisfied with the results he achieved earlier in the week in bringing down commodity prices in the vicinity of his home on Washington Heights. He said he expected to repeat the campaign, possibly this week, with ten "sandwich men," just double the number he was able to obtain for this work last week.

Five men bearing large banners on which were marked the current wholesale prices of commodities marched up and down in front of stores on Broadway, between 177th Street and 181st Street, and on St. Nicholas Avenue, between the same cross streets. On their second trip around the "sandwich men" noted a marked reduction in prices, Dr. Grimshaw said last night. In some commodities the reduction was as much as 50 per cent., but most of the articles were decreased 10 to 20 per cent. The banners showed that tomatoes at wholesale cost 4 cents at the outside, while they were being sold by the retailers at 20 cents. Between visits of the "sandwich men" the price was reduced from 20 to 10 cents a pound. Apples that cost \$1 for 60 pounds were

being sold at 15 cents a pound, but were later reduced to 10 cents a pound. Dr. Grimshaw said that the price of apples is not low enough yet.

Dr. Grimshaw has accepted an invitation to address the Hamilton Community Council Tuesday evening, Aug. 24, in the Carmansville Playground, 151st Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Peter H. Alnor, President of the New York Retail Grocers' Association, has also been invited to be present and have something to say. Dr. Grimshaw said last night that he expected to "speak straight from the shoulder." He said he had also been invited to speak at the Twenty-third District Republican Club and would probably accept, the date to be selected later.

Many letters have been received by Dr. Grimshaw relative to his method of going after the alleged profiteers since the first announcement appeared in THE NEW YORK TIMES several weeks ago. One especially interesting letter came from E. M. Trowern, of Ottawa, Canada, Secretary of the Dominion Executive Council and Dominion Board.

"The strange feature of finding so many dishonest merchants in one locality is so rare to me," Mr. Trowern wrote, "that I am compelled to write you this letter. Are these merchants all English-speaking merchants? Are they foreigners who have no morals? Are there any churches in the neighborhood? Are none of them respectable people who wish to serve their customers properly, or is it possible that a crowd of degenerate merchants should have settled around 717 West 177th Street? This is such a remarkable case that I am quite sure that the retail merchants all over the United States will have their attention called to it."

Mr. Grimshaw said that he would write Mr. Trowern of the success of his efforts and also tell him that most of the dealers complained of are either Greek or Italian.