

the drawing up of these. There were several consultations and meetings held. I do not know that we could just dissociate the confectionery end of the food business and consider it separately; but certainly I will be glad to look into the matter.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions in the same area?

Mr. WINCH: I would like to ask Dr. Morrell whether there is an order of his department, or if one has been contemplated, in connection with chocolate bars and chocolates, as to whether or not it is a pure chocolate or synthetic flavouring. I notice on some bars it says "pure chocolate"; others, it does not. If it is not pure chocolate, should it not be on the label that it is a synthetic flavouring?

In connection with the same question, I have noticed, and it has been brought to my attention—and I say this because personally I do not eat candy—that it says there is a certain amount of cream in that bar. With the price of cream, it is just not possible to sell the bar with that amount of cream in it. Is any check ever made on this sort of thing?

Dr. MORRELL: I do not think we have ever analyzed a bar for the percentage of butter fat in it. We have analyzed them for the amount of cocoa fat and chocolate. I think there is real chocolate in all chocolate bars. I have no doubt about that. I do not think there is a synthetic chocolate. However, flavourings come under a different category, and in the confectionery trade we are not severe in our regulations as to the declaration of flavours.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Hales is next.

Mr. HALES: I think it was about six years ago when they changed the regulations concerning the red wavy lines on packages of bacon. Since that time we have had many devious forms of packaging of bacon, many of which were worse than others. Has the consumer association group registered any complaints about the present-day method of packaging?

Dr. MORRELL: Recently—and I think it was in December—a meeting was held in Toronto with the representatives of the meat packers council and the consumers association of Canada to review the subject of bacon wraps. We have had complaints from the consumers association and from some individual in regard to the method of wrapping bacon which is now practised. At that time it was agreed that the meat packers council would study this matter, and come forward with some suggestions in regard to a more suitable wrapping. To date we have not heard from the meat packers council.

Mr. HALPENNY: In regard to minor administrative decisions, where is the line of demarcation between a minor and a major? Do you, in your division of the department, make the minor decisions in regard to things about which we have been talking, or does everything go over the minister's desk?

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): I think, Mr. Chairman, that I might answer that in this way. The administration of this branch of the department is handled by Dr. Morrell. This is generally under consultation with the senior officials in the department, such as my deputy minister, and so on. For argument sake, if industry is quite satisfied—maybe not completely satisfied, but they have come to a reconciliation of thinking—some change in regulations probably will come to my desk for consideration and authorization.

I am glad to point out that any industry in Canada can always come through my door, if they have a particular complaint. I have seen many, and I am very anxious to receive individual complaints, if there are such. Generally speaking, I think the administrative conditions are ironed out before they come to me.