

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, November 28, 1963.

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The Special Committee on Food and Drugs met this day at 9:40 a.m. The Chairman, Mr. Harry C. Harley, presided.

Members present: Messrs. Baldwin, Côté (*Longueuil*), Enns, Fairweather, Gelber, Harley, Jorgenson, Mitchell, Orlikow, Otto, Roxburgh, Rynard, Whelan and Willoughby—(14).

In attendance: Mr. R. E. Curran, Q.C., Legal Adviser of the Department of National Health and Welfare; and from the *Food and Drug Directorate*, Department of National Health and Welfare: Dr. C. A. Morrell, Director; Dr. R. A. Chapman, Assistant Director, Foods; and Mr. J. F. Guy Leduc, in charge of Poison Control Programs.

The Chairman invited Mr. Curran to say a few words of introduction.

Mr. Curran amplified the statement previously made with regard to the licensing of the manufacturers of drugs and pesticides; he was questioned on the legislation governing the Pest Control Products Act and the Food and Drugs Act, and on the federal and provincial jurisdiction.

Dr. Morrell explained the methods of enforcing regulations and clauses of the Act dealing with pesticides. He was assisted by Dr. Chapman.

Dr. Morrell and Mr. Leduc answered questions relating to poison control centres.

On motion of Mr. Whelan, seconded by Mr. Mitchell,

Agreed,—That a list showing percentage distribution of accidental poisoning by class of products in 1960 be printed as an appendix to this day's proceedings. (*See Appendix "A"*).

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the witnesses and announced that the provincial entomologist of Ontario is expected to appear on December 10th, and that the steering committee will consider the suggestion of showing a film portraying the development of a chemical or a pesticide, and a film based on Miss Rachel Carson's book.

At 11:10 a.m. the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gabrielle Savard,
Clerk of the Committee.