

## EVIDENCE

TUESDAY, December 10, 1963

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a quorum. We will now start the meeting.

First of all I would like to read a letter from Miss Rachel Carson. The letter is addressed to the Clerk of the Committee who forwarded an invitation to Miss Carson to appear before the committee.

November 27, 1963

Dear Miss Savard:

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. I am very glad indeed to hear that your House of Commons has appointed a Special Committee to consider the pesticide problem. It would be a privilege to meet with this Committee and I sincerely appreciate being invited to do so even though I cannot accept. I have recently been suffering from some rather troublesome arthritic difficulties and therefore I am compelled to hold my traveling to a minimum. I hope you will express to the Committee both my appreciation of the invitation and my deep regret that I cannot accept it.

For whatever possible usefulness it may have I am enclosing copies of testimony I gave a few months ago before committees of the U.S. Senate.

Sincerely yours,  
(signed) Rachel Carson.

I have here copies of the testimony that she gave before the Committee on Government Operations Environmental Hazards, Control of Pesticides, and other Chemical Poisons, and another statement of Rachel Carson's before the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce. If it is the wish of the committee we could have these printed as an appendix to today's meeting. It is moved by Mr. Rynard, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt.

Motion agreed to.

Before we move on to today's business we should, on behalf of the committee, move a vote of thanks to the Manufacturing Chemists Association of Washington for having supplied each member of the committee, free of charge, with a number of interesting and useful publications about pesticides, which I am sure you have all now received through the mail.

If it is the wish of the committee, I will write Miss Carson a letter to express our appreciation of her forwarding these papers and our regrets at her ill health. We will wish her a speedy recovery.

This morning we have with us Professor Goble who is from Guelph, Ontario. He is the Provincial Entomologist of Ontario as well as a member of the Department of Zoology of the Federated Colleges of Guelph. He has prepared a statement and we will have the copies passed around.

Professor H. W. GOBLE, (*Department of Zoology, Federated Colleges, Guelph, Ontario*): Mr. Chairman, the following is a short report on methods of preparing for growers the recommendations for insect and plant disease control. It indicates the degree of provincial (Ontario) responsibility in this work. It deals only with insecticides and fungicides related to plant and animal production.