

Dr. MORRELL: Well, Mr. Chairman, in the first place it is questionable whether the amount of diethylstilbesterol that one would consume in a year, let us say, in chicken that had been treated with diethylstilbesterol, would be significant in affecting one's health; because it is questionable. There is a question about it. So we have prohibited it in this country; and because it is questionable, they have now refused the use of it in the United States.

At the present time there is no poultry, so far as I can find out, in the United States that has been treated with diethylstilbesterol coming into Canada, or being sold on their market.

I think if you will look into the reports on it, you will find that the United States Department of Agriculture bought up from the American farmers a large quantity of poultry that had been so treated.

Mr. CATHERS: What is that again?

Dr. MORRELL: I was trying to say that there is no poultry now in the United States or in Canada that contains diethylstilbesterol.

The CHAIRMAN: Are there any further questions?

Mr. HALES: On that same subject, we are preventing Americans sending whole chickens into this country which have any trace of implementation of diethylstilbesterol.

Dr. MORRELL: Yes, but it is not so. We have not found it.

Mr. HALES: But we allow their cut up chicken to come in.

Dr. MORRELL: Yes.

Mr. HALES: Well, if it is not right in one form, then it is not right in another form.

Dr. MORRELL: But it is not so.

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): It is not there in either form.

Mr. HALES: We prevent the whole chicken from coming in, yet we allow the cut up chicken to come in scot free.

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): It is not used in the United States any more. That is since what date?

Dr. MORRELL: Early December, 1959, in the United States.

Mr. HALES: You had better forget the whole business and let the whole chicken as well as the cut up chicken come in, and never mind the reports.

Mr. FAIRFIELD: I would like to refer—

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Cathers still has the floor.

Mr. CATHERS: Is the United States health department checking on the neck of these chickens?

Dr. MORRELL: Yes indeed.

Mr. CATHERS: So if it is still over there, they cannot use it.

Dr. MORRELL: They are acting as inspectors for us in that sense.

Mr. FAIRFIELD: The use of heroin was banned in Canada for medical use in 1956, was it not?

Mr. MONTEITH (*Perth*): No. This will be under the next item, under narcotics.

Mr. MCGEE: I want to go back to a matter raised earlier by Mr. McCleave. I have in my business experience had some contact with committees having to do with labeling, and with certain standards to be set; and to put it charitably, some individuals charged with the responsibility of maintaining these, as would seem to be the case here, were inclined to be rather pig-headed. I am sure that is not the case in this department.

The CHAIRMAN: What is your question?