

Questions

standards under the Food and Drugs Act ought to be amended to permit the use of another chemical or a new chemical in the food?

Mr. Robertson: The Food and Drugs Act forbids the sale of a food that has in or upon it any harmful or poisonous substance. The act also forbids the sale of foods that are processed in such a way as to be deceptive or likely to create an erroneous impression as to their value, composition, or merit. The department must therefore consider these sections of the act when dealing with addition of chemicals to foods.

The following criteria have been adopted:

1. Evidence must be produced by the manufacturer to prove that the substance he proposes to add will not be harmful in the quantities used and under the conditions of use that may arise in consumption of the food.

2. The use of a chemical in a food must not result in any fraud being perpetrated through the sale of the food.

3. A method must be available for determining the amount of the chemical in the food.

4. A real need should be demonstrated for the proposed use of the chemical.

5. It is preferable that the request for the use of the chemical be made by the food industry concerned rather than by the chemical manufacturer.

In addition, the department consults other departments which have an interest in the food in question because of legislation administered by them.

COUNTY HEALTH UNITS, ONTARIO—
HEALTH GRANTS

Mr. Cavers:

1. Have county health units in the province of Ontario been assisted under the national health grants program?

2. If so, what units were assisted and what was the amount of such assistance each year during the first five years the program was in operation?

Mr. Robertson:

Name—	1948-49	1949-50	1950-51	1951-52	1952-53
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Brant county.....	—	967	2,835	2,157	1,366
Bruce county.....	—	1,068	4,881	7,481	10,484
Carleton.....	23,711	17,716	—	—	—
Dufferin.....	—	2,494	—	—	675
Elgin-St. Thomas.....	—	1,842	2,732	8,011	10,118
Fort William.....	—	—	—	—	6,161
Halton.....	—	10,664	14,094	9,210	7,616
Huron.....	—	23,088	32,724	20,303	29,318
Kenora-Keewatin.....	11,082	16,497	14,440	14,954	20,839
Kent.....	—	788	—	2,268	6,846
Lambton.....	—	153	3,531	4,250	7,356
Leeds and Grenville.....	—	3,232	7,305	5,315	5,707
Lennox and Addington.....	—	340	2,845	4,821	11,747
Muskoka.....	—	—	15,706	14,665	22,050
Northumberland and Durham.....	—	4,043	7,868	7,268	4,509
Oxford-Ingersoll.....	—	1,701	3,653	3,970	3,907
Peel county.....	—	977	11,679	12,714	12,709
Porcupine.....	—	1,377	4,630	6,712	7,212
Prescott and Russell.....	—	—	—	—	1,940
Prince Edward.....	—	1,379	2,479	6,599	10,597
St. Catharines-Lincoln.....	—	12,397	10,132	10,636	24,100
Simcoe.....	37,500	39,823	57,088	35,710	61,501
Temiskaming.....	—	299	1,359	9,601	12,242
United counties.....	—	1,245	—	760	—
Welland.....	—	3,699	332	6,285	21,178
Wellington.....	15,000	15,689	13,063	16,573	28,752
York county.....	—	—	18,939	25,254	26,145
East York and Leaside.....	—	—	—	2,302	2,075
All county health units.....	87,293	161,478	232,315	237,819	357,150

“BELMONT SPREAD”

Mr. Boisvert:

1. Is the product labelled “Belmont Spread”, manufactured at Ste. Anne de la Perade, Quebec, a food under the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act?

2. If so, what are the components of such product and the proportion of each?

[Mr. White (Waterloo South).]

Mr. Robertson:

1. Yes.

2. Moisture 20.4 per cent; curd, salt, etc. 5.7 per cent; and fat 73.9 per cent. An examination of the fat indicates that it is probably lard. It also contains a trace of