

## QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

### PATENT ACT—APPLICATIONS COVERING PATENTED DRUGS

#### Question No. 41—Mr. Saltzman:

1. What applications have been received under the revised Patent Act for licences from the Patent Commissioner to manufacture or import and sell patented drugs, up to October 1, 1970?
2. What applications have been approved or refused by the Patent Commissioner?
3. What reasons were given for those drug patent applications that have been rejected?

**Hon. Ron Basford (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs):** 1. Up to October 1, 1970 the Commissioner of Patents has received 85 applications for licences under Section 41(4) of the revised Patent Act, of which five are applications to manufacture and sell, 52 are applications to import and sell, and 28 are applications to both manufacture and import and sell patented drugs. These applications are for licences under 120 patents covering 33 drugs.

2. The Commissioner has approved and issued licences on 44 applications, to the following companies: S & U Chemicals Limited, Toronto, Ontario, 21 licences; Novopharm Limited, Scarborough, Ontario, nine licences; Sterilab Corporation Limited, Rexdale, Ontario, four licences; Micro Chemicals Limited, Toronto, Ontario, two licences; Mowatt & Moore Ltd., Pointe Claire, Quebec, two licences; Neo Drug Company, Montreal, Quebec, two licences; Frank W. Horner Limited, Montreal, Quebec, one licence; Laboratoire Medic Ltée, Ville de Laval, Quebec, one licence; Compagnie, Pharmaceutique Vita Ltée, St. Romuald, Quebec, one licence; Trans-Canada Dermapeutics Ltd., Montreal, Quebec, one licence.

3. The Commissioner, on December 10, 1969, refused to grant to Sterilab Corporation Limited of Rexdale, Ontario, a licence to import and sell the drug Hydrocortisone Sodium Succinate under a patent owned by the Upjohn Company, for the reason that the application failed to meet the statutory requirements. Sterilab later filed a new, corrected application, which was accepted, and a licence was issued to them on April 24, 1970.

### REGULATIONS COVERING STORAGE AND LABELLING OF FOOD

#### Question No. 565—Mr. Mather:

Is consideration being given to the request of the Consumers' Association of Canada to establish bacteriological standards and to implement regulations regarding the storage of meat, fish, poultry and their products and to develop a system of labelling to provide consumers, at the point of purchase, information as to whether the product has been previously frozen?

**Mr. J. A. Jerome (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the De-

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partment of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs as follows: Regulations under the Food and Drugs Act have been enacted which govern the bacteriological quality of certain dairy, fish, meat and egg products. Steps now are being taken to extend these regulations to cover additional foods, including frozen foods. Yes. A labelling system which would advise consumers at the point of sale that thawed foods had been previously frozen is under consideration, but there are difficult technical problems to be overcome.

### POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT—FEMALE LETTER CARRIERS

#### Question No. 634—Mr. Macquarrie:

1. How many female letter carriers are presently employed by the Post Office Department?
2. How many have applied for such positions?
3. Who is the highest ranking officer in the Post Office Department of the female sex?
4. By district, how many (a) males (b) females are currently employed in the Post Office Department?

#### **Hon. Jean-Pierre Côté (Minister without Portfolio):**

1. Thirty-two.

2. In some instances applications are made direct to the local Canada Manpower Centre, others direct to the Post Office Department where the Canada Manpower Centre is unable to provide recruitment service. We do not maintain records on the sex of those applying in letter carrier competitions, therefore we are unable to provide complete and accurate data in order to answer this question.

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4. District	Male	Female
St. John's, Nfld.	423	76
Halifax, N.S.	1,060	131
Saint John, N.B.	826	106
Quebec, P.Q.	1,610	98
Montreal, P.Q.	6,519	402
Ottawa, Ontario	1,715	71
Toronto, Ont.	7,044	526
London, Ont.	1,955	169
North Bay, Ont.	797	255
Winnipeg, Man.	1,644	172
Saskatoon, Sask.	793	32
Calgary, Alta.	1,234	155
Edmonton, Alta.	1,080	261
Vancouver, B.C.	3,324	601
Ottawa, Ont. (Headquarters)	751	367