

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY, January 29, 1963.

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The Special Committee on Food and Drugs met at 9.35 a.m. this day, the Chairman, Mr. R. M. T. McDonald, presiding.

Members present: Messrs. Baldwin, Enns, Fairweather, Haidasz, Harley, Horner (*Jasper-Edson*), Martin (*Essex East*), McDonald (*Hamilton South*), Nicholson, Orlikow, Patterson, Rynard, and Valade. (13).

In attendance: The Honourable J. Waldo Monteith, Minister of National Health and Welfare; Dr. G. D. W. Cameron, Deputy Minister of National Health; Mr. R. E. Curran, Legal Adviser, Department of National Health and Welfare; Mr. Eric Preston, Chief of Personnel Services, Department of National Health and Welfare; *from the Food and Drug Directorate:* Dr. C. A. Morrell, Director; L. I. Pugsley, Associate Director; Dr. R. A. Chapman, Assistant Director in Charge of Scientific Services; Dr. J. B. Murphy, Chief Medical Officer; Mr. M. G. Allmark, Chief of the Pharmacology and Toxicology Section; Mr. Paul Soucy, Chief of the Proprietary or Patent Medicines Section; and Mr. R. C. Hammond, Chief of the Narcotic Control Division.

The Chairman opened the meeting and informed the Committee that the dates of the proposed meetings in Montreal have been set for February the 14th, 15th, and possibly the 16th.

He invited the Minister of National Health and Welfare to address the Committee.

Mr. Monteith introduced the officials of his department who were in attendance. He read a statement, copies of which were distributed to the members, and he answered questions thereon.

At the conclusion of the Minister's remarks and the questioning thereon, Dr. Morrell presented a brief respecting the "Procedures for Examination of New Drug Submissions required by the Food and Drug Regulations" and, at the request of some members, he gave explanations as he went along.

Copy of Dr. Morrell's statement together with a chart showing the establishment of the Food and Drug Directorate were distributed to the members of the Committee, the witness being examined thereon. Dr. Morrell answered questions about the number of new drug submissions made annually, the requirements of the law, the definition of "qualified investigators", etc. He was assisted by the officials of the Department of National Health and Welfare and of the Food and Drug Directorate.

A copy of the Food and Drugs Act was also distributed to each Member.

The Minister gave a short statement on the status of the discussions carried with the provinces in regard to the rehabilitation of thalidomide babies. Assisted by Dr. Cameron, he answered various questions.

On motion of Mr. Fairweather, seconded by Mr. Horner,

Ordered,—That the Chart of the establishment of the Food and Drug Directorate be included in today's record. (*See Appendix "A"*).

On motion of Mr. Nicholson, seconded by Mr. Harley,