

Mr. MONTEITH: I do not recall the details of it, but I would like to hear Dr. Morrell give his side of the story.

The CHAIRMAN: To save any duplication, can we have Dr. Morrell of the drug directorate make his statement and make us aware of his views, and then both the minister and the director would be prepared to answer questions simultaneously?

Mr. ORLIKOW: I have just one other question to put to Mr. Monteith. The report which was tabled from this special committee made some pretty specific recommendations about increased staff for the department. Mr. Monteith said in his opening statement that the department was giving it favourable consideration. I forget the exact words he used. I wonder if you have accepted pretty well the precise recommendations they made and if you have accepted their recommendations as to how many more people you need. I would also like to know if you have some idea of the time it is going to take, a year or two or how long, until you get that extra number of people which they recommend.

Mr. MONTEITH: Actually the increased staff which has been requested for some little time has been the following. This was before the report came in and before we knew what the report was going to contain. We had then requested certain increases and approved increases prior to the report. In the new drug submission field they are the following: One medical officer, one technical officer, two support staff, two chemists. This is in the pharmacology and toxicology division, two chemists and one support staff. Pharmaceutical division, one chemist and one support staff; microbiology, one bacteriologist and two support staff.

Now, this has been recommended and accepted at the moment, but, as I said before, the actual report was received and the staff will again be looked over with a view to the suggestions in the report.

Mr. ORLIKOW: Those are your recommendations as far as the staff complement is concerned. Is that as far as your establishment is concerned?

Mr. MONTEITH: Yes, the increase in the staff.

Mr. ORLIKOW: But they have not yet been hired?

Dr. MORRELL: They have hired one man, but recruiting is a difficult problem I might say.

Mr. HADASZ: Why does Dr. Morrell think that recruiting is so difficult? Is it because of the wage scale or because of a lack of men qualified to fill the jobs in Canada?

Mr. MONTEITH: I still think this is a question which Dr. Morrell can answer much more readily and exactly than I can.

Mr. MARTIN: I would like to ask a question. Mr. Orlikow asked a question which may have left a wrong impression. He asked the minister if he had countermanded any suggestions made by the director. The minister then replied to that "I think we had better wait until Dr. Morrell gets on the stand." I am sure the minister did not mean to leave that impression.

Mr. MONTEITH: I certainly did not mean to leave the impression that I countermanded any suggestions made by Dr. Morrell, but I still feel the whole question could probably be better taken up by him.

Mr. MARTIN: Did you countermand any suggestions made by Dr. Morrell?

Mr. MONTEITH: Not to my recollection.

The CHAIRMAN: I think I interrupted the minister at that stage and asked the committee if Dr. Morrell could make his statement so that we could have both statements before us. Is that in accordance with the wish of the committee?