

EXPLANATORY NOTES.

The purpose of this Bill is to revise and consolidate the *Food and Drugs Act* (R.S., 1927, c. 76, as amended); to remove certain anomalies and to make more specific provision for certain matters to recognize modern trade and manufacturing practices.

The Bill provides a more orderly approach to the subject-matter of the legislation in dealing individually with foods, drugs, cosmetics and devices, and with recognition in the case of each of the matters and characteristics peculiar or relevant thereto.

Apart from the rearrangement of the provisions of the Act and the removal of certain anomalies therefrom the Bill also makes specific provision for certain matters not contained in the present Act. Amongst these are—

- (i) the keeping of records by manufacturers and others in addition to those who are presently required to keep records respecting biological preparations, as may be necessary for the purposes of the Act;
- (ii) the prohibition of the sale of an article that has been manufactured, packaged or stored in an unsanitary place or under unsanitary conditions;
- (iii) a means of judicial as well as administrative determination for forfeiture to the Crown of foods, drugs, cosmetics or devices which are in violation of the Act, and
- (iv) certain enforcement changes, including an increase in penalties, the provision of trial of offences upon indictment as well as by summary conviction procedure.

Unless otherwise indicated, the following section, subsection, paragraph or subparagraph references are to corresponding provisions in the present *Food and Drugs Act* with explanation of any substantial changes or indication by the use of the word "Revised" of minor or drafting changes.

1. Section 1.

2. (a) New.

(b) Section 2 (b) Revised.

(c) Section 2 (k) Revised.

(d) Section 2 (a) Revised.

(e) New.