

the section which says that if he is cross-examined the magistrate can reject the certificate, and we felt that was unfair to the accused. It would be much better if the certificate itself, be only *prima facie* evidence, leaving it to the accused to challenge the certificate and perhaps have it rejected completely.

Hon. Mr. BURCHILL: The newer section is more fair to the accused than the old one.

Mr. CURRAN: Yes, we think it is more fair to the accused.

Hon. Mrs. WILSON: They are satisfied with that, are they?

Mr. LAVERTY: I would not say that. I do not know about foods but when it comes to drugs very much depends on how the analysis was made, and if the certificate does not show how the analysis was made I am informed that it is nearly worthless. That is why we made representations that we should have the right to have him there if we wanted.

Hon. Mr. HAWKINS: There is a means of getting him there now.

The CHAIRMAN: Shall I report the bill as amended?

Some Hon. SENATORS: Carried.

Hon. Mr. STAMBAUGH: Mr. Chairman, if it is in order I should like to express our appreciation to the members of the department who have appeared before us. I would congratulate them on the very thorough and informative way in which they have gone into this matter, and speaking personally it has been a great education to me. I think the departmental representatives have been very fair and careful in listening to the various representations made by the different associations that have appeared before us, and where necessary they have answered most creditably. Is that statement in order, Mr. Chairman?

The CHAIRMAN: Absolutely. Thank you very much I would thank the members of the committee for the serious consideration they have given to this bill.

Dr. G. D. W. CAMERON, Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare: Mr. Chairman and honourable senators, I should like to thank Senator Stambaugh for his kind remarks respecting the officers of this department who have appeared before the committee.

I should also like to express our appreciation to the members of this committee for the careful and sympathetic consideration which they have given to the legislation that is now to be reported to the Senate.

The bill reflects social legislation of very great significance and it has been the desire of the department that it should make the most adequate and effective provision to safeguard the health and interests of the people of Canada.

That the measure which has been under consideration can be reported following some four meetings at which the views and representations of the trade groups concerned could not only have been considered, but substantially met, is, I think, a tribute to the co-operation which the department has received from those groups at all times.

It is such co-operation that makes for happy and effective administration and this perhaps reflects a significant aspect of our social progress in the three quarters of a century since the first Food and Drugs Act came into force in Canada.

The CLERK OF THE COMMITTEE: Gentlemen, Dr. Morrell has asked that there be included in the record as part of his presentation the following paragraph: