

FRIDAY, May 29, 1964

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The following members of the Special Committee on Food and Drugs left the Queen Elizabeth Hotel at 9.30 a.m. for the Clinical Investigation Unit at the Hôtel-Dieu Hospital: Messrs. Côté (*Longueuil*), Enns, Harley, Howe (*Hamilton South*), Mackasey, Marcoux, Mitchell, Prud'homme, Whelan, Wiloughby (10).

Dr. Jacques Laramée, Medical Director of the Hospital, welcomed the Members and expressed his appreciation of their decision to see for themselves the research being done on new drugs for the promotion of health and research.

Dr. Jacques Genest, Director of the Clinical Research Laboratory, addressed the Committee and stressed the need for more research in Canada; he explained the set up of the clinical research department which has known tremendous growth, specially in the field of radioactive isotopes, electronics, instrumentation, micro-methods of measurement, biopsies, and molecular and cellular biology.

Dr. Genest also explained the research being made in his laboratory in the field of hypertension, and discussed the need of more money for the progress of medicine in Canada. More money is needed for research better facilities; better clinical investigation wards are also required, he stated. He made available to the members two papers, in English and French, "Symposium on Clinical Research in Canada", January 17, 1962, and "L'importance de la recherche clinique pour la santé".

A complete tour of the various laboratories and sections was provided for Members, and they were given the opportunity of questioning Dr. Genest, more particularly about the need for better facilities and grants for research.

At noon the Committee recessed for luncheon.

At 1.45 p.m. the Members departed for the laboratories of Ayerst, McKenna & Harrison Limited. They were briefed by Mr. E. Glyde Gregory, President, Dr. Roger Gaudry, Director of Research, and Dr. Arthur Dr. Grieve, Director of Quality Control, and taken on a tour of the chemical, biological and quality control laboratories and pilot plant.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Gregory and the personnel of the Company for their assistance and for the courtesy extended to the Members of the Committee during their visit to Montreal.

At 5.00 p.m. the Committee adjourned to 9.30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, in Ottawa.

Gabrielle Savard,  
Clerk of the Committee.