

Mr. HAIASZ: These regulations are not in force yet?

Dr. MORRELL: We do not have them as yet, no.

Mr. HAIASZ: Do you think such regulations should be in force?

Dr. MORRELL: Yes, I think it would be very useful to have such regulations in force.

Mr. VALADE: Is it possible, Doctor Morrell, to have the same treatment, tests and conditions which apply in this country apply to foreign manufacturers of drugs?

Dr. MORRELL: Are you referring to the same inspection procedures, for example?

Mr. VALADE: Yes.

Dr. MORRELL: I think it should be possible if they want to sell their drugs in Canada. I think they should be prepared to undergo the same controls as apply in respect of our domestic manufacturers.

Mr. VALADE: My question is based on the potential possibility that in a country of say 40 million people there certainly would exist a greater possibility for clinical tests than in this country of only 18 million people with perhaps a proportionate number of medical people.

Dr. MORRELL: I suggest this depends on the country you refer to, sir. I have been in countries where there are four or five times the number of people that are in Canada and I can assure you that the controls are nowhere near as rigid as ours. However, in other countries which are smaller their tests and controls are as good as ours.

Mr. VALADE: I should like to ask a follow-up question in respect of a subject referred to earlier. I think you said before that your department licensed drugs and not manufacturers?

Dr. MORRELL: I think that is correct.

Mr. VALADE: I am wondering whether it would be advantageous in respect of the control of drugs to have your department license drug manufacturers as well as drugs. This would not remove the control or licensing of drugs themselves but would add to the control by the imposition of certain responsibilities upon manufacturers under licence, making them subject to the normal rules and regulations.

Dr. MORRELL: Are you suggesting that the manufacturer should be licensed for all of his products?

Mr. VALADE: Yes, and then that would not, as I say, cancel out the requirements for licensing drugs individually.

Dr. MORRELL: The basic legal question here could be answered by Mr. Curran.

Mr. CURRAN: On this question of licensing the manufacturer Mr. Baldwin might have something to say. Our legislation is the criminal law and it does not include the right for licensing a trade or a profession. We can license a product under particular conditions, as we have done, but the general licensing of the trade under the criminal law statute is not within our constitution.

Mr. VALADE: I thought that we licensed the medical men and by licensing them we also licensed some medical corporations or medical organizations such as the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

Mr. MONTEITH: That is a provincial matter.

Mr. VALADE: Yes, but would this involve only provincial legislation or could it be done under federal legislation?