

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, May 28, 1964

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The following members of the Special Committee on Food and Drugs proceeded by train to Montreal at 7.40 a.m. EDT: Messrs. Harley, Asselin (*Richmond-Wolfe*), Côté (*Longueuil*), Enns, Howe (*Hamilton South*), Mac-kasey, Marcoux, Mitchell, Prud'homme, Rynard, Whelan, and Willoughby (12).

They were met at Dorval Station by Mr. E. Glyde Gregory, President of Ayerst, McKenna & Harrison Limited, and departed for Mount Royal Chemicals Limited, the manufacturing unit for CIBA and Sandoz (Swiss-Canadian pharmaceutical companies).

Mr. Roger Larose, President of Mount Royal Chemicals Limited, welcomed the group and made introductory remarks relating to the said company. (*See Appendix "A"*)

The Committee then toured the manufacturing laboratory facilities under the guidance of pharmacists employed by the Company.

On behalf of the Committee, the Chairman thanked the President and the officer of Mount Royal Chemicals Limited for the assistance they had given to the Committee.

At 1.45 p.m. the Committee proceeded to the laboratories of Charles E. Frosst & Company where they were welcomed by Mr. John B. Frosst, President. (*See Appendix "B"*)

Mr. Earl Dechêne, the Company's chief control chemist, using charts, explained the verification procedure in relation to Food and Drug Schedule 33. He, Mr. John B. Frosst and Mr. James B. Frosst answered questions about integrity in relation to safety factor, and related matters.

A tour of the laboratories to study production methods and "in plant" quality control was provided for Members, including a visit of the radioactive laboratory, the only one of its kind in Canada.

Dr. John F. Millar, Chief Research Pharmacist, briefed the Members on Pharmacy Research; the text of his remarks is printed as *Appendix "C"*.

At the conclusion of the tour, questions were asked about production cost, money spent on research, price of drugs, and on the pharmaceutical industry in general. Mr. John B. Frosst, Mr. James B. Frosst, Mr. James M. Blanch, Dr. Millar and Dr. Lozinski supplied information.

A suggestion was made by Mr. A. Coffin, General Sales Manager, that licensing should be standard across the country.

On behalf of the committee, the Chairman thanked the officers and the scientists of the Company for their courtesy and assistance, and at 5.15 p.m. the Committee adjourned to 9.30 a.m. Friday, May 29.