

Views Held By Drug Maker Startle Commons Committee

OTTAWA (CP)—A drug manufacturer "flicked a Commons committee Thursday night by saying he doesn't believe in listing safety warnings and contra-indications in medical reference works unless he's certain the drug is of questionable reliability."

George F. Wright of Empire Laboratories Ltd., Toronto, made the statement when questioned about the fact that a standard medical reference book on drugs contains no warnings or contra-indications by his company on a drug which a doctor-MP described as a potential killer.

"I'm speechless at what I've heard in the last few minutes," commented Dr. Lewis Brand (PC-Saskatoon). "Do you think money is more important than safety?"

"No," replied Mr. Wright, who had earlier agreed with Bryce Mackasey (L-Montreal Verdon) that his company saved about \$600 in omitting the warning than that it was the doctor's business to know more about the drug than I do. He should look further before prescribing. His company had with Mackasey said is the chemical name under which Empire lists

if the same drug, listed under the Parke, Davis and Co. Ltd. brand name of chloramphenicol, included lengthy warnings to doctors of dangers in its use and of side effects.

Doctors warned to use it only in cases of serious infections and with adequate blood tests because of possible toxic effects.

Mr. Mackasey asked Mr. Wright how he justifies leaving out the warnings.

Mr. Wright replied that the drug is a controversial one. If the warnings were included in the paid listing, "you would have something of questionable reliability and I don't think you should do so unless you're sure."

Mr. Mackasey said that amounts to saying doctors can use it indiscriminately and that could lead to a fatality.

Mr. Wright said he has more respect for the medical profession than that. It was the doctor's business to know more about the drug than I do. He should look further before prescribing. His company had with Mackasey said is the chemical name under which Empire lists

Mr. Wright said warnings are supplied by company salesmen and on index cards supplied doctors.

Mr. Mackasey said that if a doctor has to make a snap decision he might consult the book and presume the drug is safe because it lacks a warning.

He said he doesn't see how Empire, with a \$1,000,000 sales volume, can "cut corners" and engage in "unethical practices."

Dr. Brand asked whether Mr. Wright regards the warnings about chloramphenicol as reliable.

"No," replied Mr. Wright, adding that new evidence keeps turning up about its uses and effects.

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Federal Crop Insurance Aid Now Boosted To 25 Per Cent

OTTAWA (CP)—The Com-Agriculture Minister Greene today announced that certain crops and certain disasters are covered in the scheme.

Mr. Greene said the bill, which amends the federal-provincial crop insurance plan, will make the coverage more attractive to farmers. However, much of the fine details has been left out to make the scheme flexible in its application by the provinces.

Under the changes, the federal government pays 25 per cent of premiums paid by farmers in provincial crop insurance plans.

The minister said the Prairie Farm Assistance Act, passed 25 years ago will be retained at

least long enough to give farmers time to indicate a preference between the two forms of crop-loss assistance.

Under the proposed crop insurance plan coverage is extended to a maximum of 80 per cent of long-term average yield on each farm insured. Coverage was limited to 60 per cent of yields in a large area.

Fruit trees and annual plants are added to the crops that can be insured.

The agriculture minister said he had no indication about the likelihood of Nova Scotia taking

up crop insurance after the new legislation is passed.

But officials from the province had indicated that the 20 per cent coverage was of particular interest to them and might encourage them to take part in the scheme.

Mr. Greene said he could not say exactly what the increase in premium might be under the increased coverage to 20 per cent.

"I am informed that in a high-risk crop the cost could be as high as double the present premium for the increased coverage."

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Dr. Katherine MacLennan, association at the organization's closing session of its annual meeting in Montreal Friday selected president of the 20,000 member Canadian Nurses Ass. (CP Wirephoto)

INTERRUPTION NOTICE

ALBERRY PLAINS AREA

There will be an interruption of electric power on Tuesday, July 12th weather permitting, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon.

This interruption is necessary to permit us to relocate the power line as required by road construction work in the area.

The areas affected will be from Alberry Plains to Vernon River.



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- No. 2—Judson Packers Ltd.—Flat V-8 Cylinder—Purse—\$50.00.
- No. 3—Prince County Realtors—Overhead V-8—Purse—\$50.00.
- No. 4—D. Alex MacDonald Ltd.—cylinder—Purse—\$50.00.
- No. 5—Gaudet's Save-Easy Flat V-8 Cylinder—Purse \$50.00.
- No. 6—Hall Mfg. Co.—Overhead V-8—Purse—50.00.
- No. 7—Shell Service Station and Colonial Restaurant—Free for All—Purse—\$100.00.
- No. 8—Dunk River Enterprises Ltd. and Consolation Races for non-winners—\$50.00.

RULES

1. All rules of P.E.I. Stock Car Racing Association will be strictly enforced.
2. All cars must be registered with the P.E.I. Stock Car Ass'n. (A representative will be at gate race night with license, etc.)
3. All cars must be in pit by 7 p.m. 6 door prizes will be drawn for. (Dunk River Enterprises Ltd.)

Admission:—Adults \$1.00;
Children under 12 free.

TENDERS

Tenders for bus drivers for Tignish Regional High School for the 1966-67 school term will be received by the undersigned. State experience and salary expected.

Mrs. Doris Gallant,
Secretary.

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