

Canadian seed laboratories would not test treated seed,

Mercury vapor and dust taken internally or through the broken skin is very poisonous. Once the metal is absorbed in the system it produces an accumulative or chronic poisoning.

Copper compounds are not toxic in the metallic state but copper salts and oxide act as a strong astringent when applied to the mucuous membrane and wounded surfaces. In large quantities they are somewhat irritant and corrosive although less so than mercury. The salts have a harsh metallic, astringent taste and when swallowed in vomiting.

We know that mercury and copper compounds are handled by manufacturers in other fields or work without harmful results and it has been suggested by the committee that it would be a great help to the analysts if treated seeds were required by law to be labeled as to treatment. e.C. Harold Amick, Chairman; G. P. Steinbauer, Willard L. Crosier, George A. Elliot, W. D. Hay, F. A. McLaughlin, and Duane Isely.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

Since the last annual meeting the committee has received suggestions for approximately 60 changes and additions to the "Rules for Testing Seeds." Each of these suggestions has been given careful study by the committee. which has approved the 32 changes and additions set forth in the memorandum circulated to the entire membership during the year. These having been accepted by the executive committee, and in turn approved and adopted by formal action of the Association as shown in the minutes, become a part of the official rules for testing seeds; except that those proposed in 1946 as tentative rules be adopted as tentative rules, and that all these rules shall become effective one month following publication. It is not necessary to reprint the suggested changes but rather to incorporate them in the rules to be reprinted as ordered, - O. L. Justice, chairman, George A. Elliott, G. T. French, Letha B. Howard, Elva L. Norris.