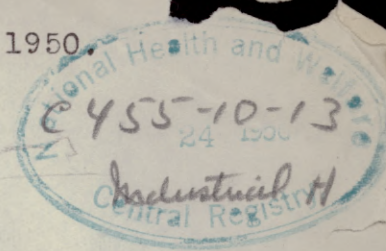


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Dr. K.C. Charron,
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Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Charron, Re: Your wire of January 20th.

1 - I believe arsenic hazard occurs mainly in the spring, with melting of snow. There may also be a slight danger from truck-garden produce, harvested in summer and fall. Warnings will be given to the public at these times through the press.

2 - Last summer, warning notices were placed in the press advising people to wash thoroughly any garden produce and wild berries, before using. All market-gardeners were written stating that they must thoroughly wash garden produce, before sale to the public.

3 - At present time, urine specimens are being collected from individuals who show no signs of arsenic poisoning, in order to find out if dangerous amounts of arsenic have been absorbed. I believe removal of the arsenic at the roaster, is the best practical means of control. Storage of arsenic thus collected is a problem which should be possible to work out. It would be difficult for me to leave my practice and come to Ottawa, but I might be able to do so if necessary.

Yours very truly,

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