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DURING the closing session of the last Congress, the Senate authorized the Committee on Manufactures to conduct a recess investigation on the subject of the extent and character of food adulteration in the United States. By reason of expiration of the term of service, only three members of the Senate Committee on Manufactures remained, namely, W. E. Mason, Chairman, of Illinois; W. A. Harris, of Kansas, and G. P. Wetmore, of Rhode Island. Under the terms of the resolution it is not necessary to have a quorum of the Committee, but the Chairman or any member designated by him is empowered to conduct the investigation, procure witnesses and to secure the analyses of suspected samples.

The Committee has already begun its work by holding a two weeks' session in Chicago. Dr. H. W. Wiley, the Chief Chemist of the Department of Agriculture, at the request of the Committee, has been detailed by the Secretary of Agriculture as an expert to attend the examinations and to assist in the work as far as possible.

Much interesting testimony was secured at the meeting in Chicago in regard to the extent and character of food adulteration.

Not only were business men who were engaged in adulteration placed upon the stand, but also some well-known hygienic and scientific experts, among whom may be

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