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MINUTES OF THE 107TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION AND GRADING OF ASBESTOS MINES PRODUCTS AND THE 81ST MEETING OF THE QUEBEC ASBESTOS PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH 1943, AT THE NEW SHERBROOKE HOUSE, SHERBROOKE, P.Q., AT 10:00 A.M.

Present:	Colonel J. G. Ross	-	Asbestos Corporation Limited
	Mr. George Dick	-	Asbestos Corporation Limited
	Mr. H. K. Sherry	-	Can. Johns-Manville Co., Limited
	Mr. J. E. Morrison	-	Can. Johns-Manville Co., Limited
	Mr. O. C. Smith	-	Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
	Mr. H. A. Smith	-	Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
	Mr. L. C. Pharo	-	Johnson's Company
	Mr. A. S. Johnson	-	Johnson's Company
	Mr. A. L. Penhale	-	Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
	Mr. D. Wolochow (Part time)		
	Mr. Ivan Sabourin K.C. (Part time)		
	Mr. R. A. Denovan	-	Can. Johns-Manville Co., Limited

The minutes of the last meeting were duly adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1943

All officers and committees as of 1942 were re-elected for 1943. A list of these attached to these minutes.

FIBRE INSPECTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Fibre Inspector's report had been circulated by mail. It was noted that there were some indications that box #2 in the spinning group was tending to be overgraded.

The Chairman distributed a report on Canadian Chrysotile Asbestos Classification; this report was taken for study and discussion at next meeting.

Re-engagement of Mr. J. R. Dickinson. - Mr. Dickinson was duly re-elected for 1943 on the same terms as in 1942.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND SAFETY SERVICE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

It was agreed that Mr. K. B. S. Robertson be engaged on a monthly basis for the year 1943 at a service fee of $525.00 per month. At the next meeting the service fee is to be prorated among the subscribing companies.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

1. System of Sampling and Testing Asbestos Fibres - no report.

2. Packaging of fibre - no report.

In connection with the latter it was agreed that no company will package asbestos in cotton bags for the trade until such time as all companies mutually agree to use cotton bags.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Quebec Mine Tax. - The Chairman, Mr. H. K. Sherry reported as follows:-

At the conference held on January 21st with the Prime Minister and his Cabinet presentations were made by both Western Quebec Miners and the C.M.P.A. showing that the mining industry in Quebec was being discriminated against as compared with the mining industry in Ontario. Quebec duties are shown to be 264.5% of the amount charged by Ontario under the new Dominion-Provincial agreement, where previous to the war duties or taxes were about equal in the two provinces. The Provincial Treasurer felt that any relief obtained should be on the basis of getting the Dominion Government to allow the Quebec tax as an operating expense, and offered to join with the companies in making such a presentation. A number of the mining companies, however, are firmly opposed to this idea and will not agree to it as they feel that Ottawa will not grant a special dispensation for Quebec Province and may, if the matter is pressed, decrease the depletion allowance.

It was the opinion of the meeting that it was the responsibility of the Provincial authorities to make the mine tax equitable. Mr. McCammon to follow up.

Mr. Letourneau's final bill was presented, totalling $2,000.00. $1,000.00 to be paid by the Western Quebec Miners' Association and $1,000.00 to be paid by the Asbestos Producers' Association. This latter amount to be prorated as follows: (See Minutes of May 25th 1942.)

Asbestos Corporation	$ 270.00
Can. Johns-Manville Co.	380.00
Johnson's Company	200.00
Bell Asbestos Mines	100.00
Que. Asbestos Corpn.	30.00
Nicolet Asbestos Mine	20.00

Industrial Diseases, - Mr. Ivan Sabourin was present and presented a report covering the work he had been doing to date. The Association had notice of a movement to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act re asbestosis and silicosis (to be compensable diseases - with clinics for physical examinations) and a first draft of a proposed amendment was presented and discussed.

Mr. Sabourin was instructed to carry on with Mr. O. E. Sharpe and as far as possible have the proposed amendment brought into a final form likely to be satisfactory to both the employers and workmen.

Mr. Sabourin's expenses and fees to date were submitted as follows:-

Expenses and fees including also those of Dr. Voghel and Dr. Leroy Gardner of Saranac, -

Received on account	$1,000.00
Additional	3,000.00
	$4,000.00

This statement was accepted and is to be prorated among the member companies as follows (see Minutes of May 25th 1942.)

Asbestos Corporation	$1,080	less	$250	$ 830.00
Can. Johns-Manville Co.	1,520	"	250	1,270.00
Johnson's Company	800	"	250	550.00
Bell Asbestos	400	"	250	150.00
Quc. Asbestos Corpn.				120.00
Nicolet Asbestos				80.00
			* $1,000	$3,000.00

* Advance made by four Companies as indicated.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay these bills as soon as the funds were received.

ELIMINATION OF GRADES

To be carried over to next meeting.

WARTIME POWER CONTROL

The Chairman of the Committee reported that the power peek was now occurring at 9:00 A.M. and that the Power Controller reqested the Asbestos Producers to change the repair shut-down periods to 8:00 to 10:00 A.M. He also advised that in about two months' time the power shortage would probably be relieved.

SPINNING FIBRE FOR WAR PURPOSES

The meeting was advised that the Metals Controller has requested a concrete plan for increasing production of asbestos with recovery of more spinning fibre for his consideration. It was agreed that Mr. Pechale would call a meeting of the Thetford producers to draw up such a plan. Canadian Johns-Manville Co. to co-operate.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Carried over.

NEW BUSINESS

The Treasurer's report for 1942 was presented and duly adopted - a copy is attached to the official minutes.

The Secretary was instructed to convey to the auditors the thanks of the Association for their services.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain a statement from the Thetford Foundry of the number of all metal U.S. Machines manufactured for the outside trade.

A proposal that the Quebec Asbestos Producers' Association should amalgamate with the Western Quebec Miners Association was discussed briefly and referred to the Special Committee for full analysis.

The attention of the meeting was called to the extensive advertising being done by producers of materials competitive with asbestos. The subject was referred to next meeting.

SPINNABLE MATERIAL IN GROUP #4 FIBRE

At the request of the Export Control Board the National Research Council appointed Mr. D. Wolochow to investigate the possibilities of using Group #4 Asbestos for spinning. Mr. Wolochow visited the Asbestos Producers and made some preliminary tests. The results of these tests are given in National Research Council Report No. C3064-425 of Jan. 20th 1943. Copies of this report were sent to the member companies. This report indicated that Group #4 did contain quantities of spinnable fibre. Mr. Wolochow reported to the National Research Council as per report No. C3050-425, of Jan. 19th 1943. Copies of this report were also supplied to the member companies.

Mr. Wolochow attended the current meeting and discussed the general subject with the representatives of the Companies. He also read an excerpt from a letter written by the Acting Deputy Minister of the Department of Trade and Commerce to the Acting President of the National Research Council. The excerpt reads, - "I hope at this meeting the producers will take steps to reduce the content of spinning fibre in Group 4 to a point where it will not be necessary to take any further steps to restrict exports."

A general discussion followed in which it was disclosed that reduction of the prevailing amounts of "spinnable" fibre in Group 4 while retaining the required characteristics of the Group for other manufacturing purposes was very difficult. It was also pointe d out that no indications had been given of what reduction of "spinnable" content should be attempted.

Mr. Penhale was instructed to follow up and report. The member Companies to supply Mr. Penhale with such data as necessary on 1942 shipments, giving grades, tonnage, and countries, other than the United States of America, and the United Kingdom, exclusive of Ireland.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet the same time and place on March 22nd, 1943.

Secretary

PRESIDENT

MINUTES OF THE 106TH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM CLASSIFICATION AND GRADING OF ASBESTOS MINES PRODUCTS AND THE 80TH MEETING OF THE QUEBEC ASBESTOS PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION, HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD 1942, AT THE NEW SHERBROOKE HOUSE, SHERBROOKE, P.Q., AT 10:00 A.M.

Present:	Mr. C. C. Smith (Chairman)	- Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
	Mr. Geo. Dick	- Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
	Mr. J. E. Morrison	- Canadian Johns-Manville Co. Ltd.
	Mr. H. A. Smith	- Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
	Mr. A. L. Penhale	- Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
	Mr. L. C. Pharo	- Johnson's Company
	Mr. A. S. Johnson	- " "
	Mr. R. A. Donovan	- Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Ltd.

The minutes of the last meeting were duly adopted.

FIBRE INSPECTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Inspector's reports for both August and September had been circulated by mail. Both were duly adopted.

It was reported by the Chairman of the Committee that two member companies' A.S. Machines were badly out of line. The Chairman was instructed to contact both companies re correcting these machines.

There was some discussion re the present method of omitting from the average any machine found to be markedly out of line in comparison with the majority of the machines. The Chairman presented a set of values showing that to include the out-of-line machines in the average would bring the average closer to such machines but would tend to penalize producers whose machines were more nearly together. It was agreed that the present method would be continued, namely, that any machines markedly out of line relative to the majority of the machines would be omitted from the average.

It was noted in one instance that a wrong method had been used to establish the "high" car, with the result that the average of all cars was higher than the "high" car. The Chairman was instructed to have the duly approved method used in all analyses.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AND SAFETY SERVICE COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

First copies of the new report forms were circulated. These were for the month of August. Generally the form was accepted as satisfactory. The Chairman of the Committee pointed out that the report was two months late. The meeting agreed with the Chairman and he was instructed to check up with Mr. Robertson re having these reports submitted more promptly.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

System of Sampling & Technique of Testing Fibre - no report.

Packaging Fibre - The meeting was advised by a member company that cotton bags had been tried and were satisfactory.

- Information is to the effect that jute is practically off the market.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Quebec Mine Tax - Still awaiting meeting with the Honorable Mr. Rochette. See also minutes of October Montreal Executive Meeting.

Industrial Diseases - The attention of the chairman of this committee was called to the fact that no report was received to the date of the meeting and requested to have a report submitted as soon as possible.

Status of Asbestos Mining as a War Industry - Nothing new to report - closed.

Elimination of Grades - New list of grades being forwarded to all member companies.

Elimination of Group #9 was discussed and carried over till next meeting.

It was agreed that a tabulation be made up by the Fibre Committee showing grades added to and or eliminated from the original lists of Canadian chrysotile fibre grades.

Fire Insurance - Closed.

South American Shipments - Closed

Wartime Power Control - Nothing to report.

Spinning Fibre for War Purposes - The meeting was advised that tentative plans had been drawn up by the Thetford members.

Medical Examination of New Employees - Carried over to next meeting.

Consular Invoices - The meeting was advised that this subject had been dealt with at the Montreal Meeting. Closed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Penhale presented a letter from the Metals Controller asking for detailed information on shipments of spinning fibre, namely, lists of customers, grades and quantities. It was agreed that Mr. Penhale would send copies of the letter to all member companies. The companies to send the required information direct to the Metals Controller.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned to meet at the same time and place on January 25th 1943.

Secretary

President

ASBESTOS, P.Q.
FORD MINES, P.Q.

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QUEBEC ASBESTOS PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

ASBESTOS, Que.

October 15, 1942.

Mr. D. Wolochow,
Division of Chemistry,
National Research Council,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Mr. Wolochow:

Attached hereto please find copy of the minutes of the Sept. 20th meeting of the Q. A. P. A.

Yours very truly,

R. A. Denovan, Secretary

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Attach.

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