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MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
Division of Industrial Hygiene,
1570, St. Hubert Street,
MONTREAL. QUE.

July 11, 1949

J.W. Roberts Ltd.,
Midland Works,
Armley, Leeds, 12.

Attention:- Mr. N.L. Dolbey

Dear Sir,

I was referred to you by Mr. H.A. Williamson of the Atlas Asbestos Company Ltd., Montreal Branch, for further information about your "Sprayed Limpet Asbestos" process.

We actually are interested very much in the use of asbestos under any working conditions, specially regarding the danger of asbestosis. What made me contact your Canadian subsidiary is the fact that the question arises whether the workers employed in the application of insulation by the process mentioned above might not be exposed in such a way as to develop such a disease.

I understand that in England you have been using this process for quite a number of years, whereas in Canada it has been in use since 1935 only.

In your experience in England, did you ever have to pay compensation for asbestosis occurring through the exposure to the dust, produced when applying the asbestos insulation by the above mentioned process. If so, we would be very grateful if you would let us know about the details of such cases that may have occurred.

It is understood that this information will be kept as highly confidential, and that it is not to the detriment of the company, but rather in view of helping in the improvement of the process to reduce the dust if possible in case there is a potential danger for the health of the workers.

Yours very truly,

(sgd)

Sarto R. Plamondon, P.Eng.,

Sanitary Engineer



TABLE IV A

249 EMPLOYEES RE-EXAMINED BY QUEBEC WORKMEN'S
COMPENSATION COMMISSION

152 COMPENSATED BETWEEN 10 AND 100%

92 STILL EMPLOYED BY THE COMPANY

34 HAVE LEFT THE COMPANY

10 ARE PENSIONNED

16 ARE DECEASED

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TABLE IV B

18 DECEASED SINCE 1966 [10 AUTOPSIES]

NUMBER OF YEARS EXPOSED:

LESS THAN 10 YEARS - 1 DEATH

10 TO 14 YEARS - 2 DEATHS

15 TO 19 YEARS - 7 DEATHS

20 TO 24 YEARS - 8 DEATHS