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Everett Foundry, February 19, 1929.

This visit was made because of a report which reached me that one of the castings cleaners was dying of tuberculosis. I made a rapid survey of the whole plant.

All grinders were wearing respirators and goggles.

Core blowing should be included as a silicosis hazard.

In the steel foundry cores are given a silica wash, sometimes with the brush, sometimes with the spray. The latter should be included as a silicosis hazard.

Six men were getting off scale from steel castings with an air hammer, five of them negroes. This process comes after the shot blast and after burning. It is known as "cleaning" castings. There is no more compressed air blowing. Iron castings are washed out with a stream of water driven by force through a hose but the force is not sufficient to clean steel castings. They are experimenting with a stream of water mixed with sand.

I met Mr. Darling at the end of the visit and he told me that the man with tuberculosis had been subject to the usual system of control, i.e., examination with x-ray every six months. Nevertheless, he is at present dying of tuberculosis pulmonary tuberculosis and the Industrial Accident Board holds his work responsible. He was cleaning steel castings.

I am to go to Lynn to talk it over with Darling.

Mar. 22 With Mr. Bowditch I inspected the night shift exp. in the steel foundry. They shake out castings, striking mold with hammers to get sand loose & pour down & cast drops out. Very dusty. After men chip off scale. They use a compressed air blast to blow molds clean. All dusty. 58 men working 11 1/2 hr shift. but now 1 hr. overtime.

Feb. 26 Lunch at River Hotel. Mr. Darling, Barclay, Dr. Schuler, Mr. Bowditch & 7 others, inc. lawyer. on silicosis. Recommended consult to Cleveland Lloyd & Geo Holmes. specialists

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