

Mr. Wolochow stated that silicosis was being placed under compensation laws in many parts of the United States.

Dr. Wilson emphasized his point that this was really a national problem. He felt that the people in Ontario were not taking it up except from a provincial point of view.

Mr. O.C. Smith stated that the Quebec Asbestos Producers Association had a committee charged with the duty of keeping in touch with the situation in regard to silicosis. They were co-operating with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and had something of interest to the National Research Council if the latter should decide to investigate the problem. Two of the asbestos companies had covered their employees by a group life insurance policy with the Metropolitan.

The question of literature on silicosis was discussed at some length. Dr. Wilson stated that he maintained a card index of recent literature. It was also understood that the Quebec Asbestos Producers Association was doing the same.

Mr. Dufresne felt that this was a very controversial question. It was impossible to differentiate between fibrosis and asbestosis. He also urged that the National Research Council keep in touch with the situation and felt that the committee should bring the matter to the attention of the Council.

The chairman suggested that the secretary should be instructed to bring this matter to the attention of Dr. Mott with a view to securing information about the activities of Dr. Wiley and others. It was also suggested that he should consult with Dr. Wilson in the matter in view of the fact that the Mines Branch had accumulated considerable information on the subject.

It was moved by Dr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Dufresne, and unanimously agreed to draw the attention of the National Research Council to this problem and to suggest that it consider the advisability of inquiring into the general question of industrial dust hazards.

(b) Fillers

Dr. Wilson stated that representatives of the Department of Mines would in the summer of 1935 visit manufacturers in various parts of Canada and inquire as to filler