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of the

Second Meeting

of the

STEERING SUBCOMMITTEE,

ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE ON ASBESTOS

Held in Montreal, April 24, 1937.

Present: Dr. G.S. Whitby, chairman
Capt. J.C. Ross
Mr. C.H. Shoemaker
Mr. D. Wolochow, secretary

1. Proceedings

The proceedings of the first meeting were approved.

2. Survey of the Asbestos Manufacturing Industry of the U.S.A.

The secretary presented a progress report on a preliminary survey of the asbestos manufacturing industry of the United States of America. See Appendix "A".

In the discussion of this report the following points were brought out:

(1) The percentage recovery of crude fibre, on the basis of rock mined has been very uniform during the past ten years or more, and with the increased tonnage of rock mined, the production of crudes has increased proportionately. The present inability of the mines to fully meet the demand is therefore due neither to lower recovery, nor to smaller production, but to the increased demand. There was no likelihood, however, that prices would go to the high levels they had reached on previous occasions due to factors which were to a certain extent beyond control. The mines would do their utmost to prevent a recurrence of such conditions.

As to the possibility of increasing the percentage of crude recovered it was stated that attempts which had already been made to do this showed that though it may be possible to increase recovery, it could not be done economically.