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ASBESTOSIS.

TURNER & NEWALL LIMITED.

Extracts from Directors' Minutes re Asbestosis.

Minute No.

706. 2nd May, 1930. Dust in Asbestos Industry.

Mr. S. Turner called attention to the recent Home Office Report on their enquiry into the conditions in this connection, and it was agreed that Secretarial Department be requested to circulate copies of this report to all members of the Board.

800. 17th July, 1930. Dust in Asbestos Industry.

Mr. S. Turner reported that the Deputy Chief Factory Inspector had visited Rochdale and had indicated that the Home Office are about to establish certain regulations for the minimising of dust in the Asbestos Industry. He indicated that the Committee which is to draw up these regulations has been constituted, and this Company is represented thereon. This was noted and approved.

874. 25th September, 1930. Dust in Asbestos Industry.

Mr. Carter reported that as a result of recent legislation whereby the Asbestos Industry becomes a scheduled industry, an intimation has been received from the Insurance Company carrying the Workmen's Compensation Risk, that additional premium will be required. This was noted and Mr. Carter indicated that he will report further when negotiations with the Insurance Company on this question have been completed.

922. 30th October, 1930. Dust in Asbestos Industry - Doctor's Summary.

Mr. S. Turner called attention to the report of the Medical Officer on this subject and indicated that this shows that five years or less exposure to Asbestos Dust has no effect on the lungs.

It was suggested that in order to minimise possible cases of Asbestosis, arrangements should be made by all Companies not to leave any employee on work which is exposed to Asbestos dust for a longer period than five years. It was, however, pointed out that this arrangement would cause considerable difficulty to the Companies concerned, and it was therefore agreed to leave this question over until next month for decision, and that meantime the Textile Companies concerned be requested to submit a scheme for limiting such exposure.