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Pulmonary Malignancy.

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of articles in Medical Journals during the past year which deal with the subject of occupational cancer. Very high on the list of causes of environmental or occupational cancer is asbestos. There seems to be increasing proof that asbestos fibres do cause lung cancer. This conclusion is drawn only from articles reported in the journals, and having carefully studied these writings, I do not feel satisfied that their conclusions are just.

I have been unable to find any worry evidence of lung cancer among our employees. The local practitioners and the local health unit know of no cases, but this is not important because the diagnosis of malignancy seldom is made outside a hospital or a central clinic such as we operate here. Recently in Thetford I saw some cases of pulmonary cancer. These probably are not due to dust exposure, but this whole subject could cause our Companies unlimited embarrassment and untold expense if labour leaders made use of our limited knowledge of the subject.

I strongly recommend that we should endeavour to learn more about the relationship of asbestos and pulmonary cancer. If we are to defend ourselves in the compensation courts we must have proof. Today the evidence is in our favour, although I believe that a satisfactory review of experiments would establish evidence more suitable to us. I believe that we should discuss this matter at a [illegible] meeting and if action on the subject is approved would recommend that the [illegible] should ask the Trudeau Laboratory at [illegible] Lake to outline a suggested plan of study and action for our consideration.

Dr. Cartier and I agree on this subject and he is recommending to his Companies in Thetford the consideration of advice and help from Saranac Lake.

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