



*A sample of asbestos fibre of spinning grade from the Jeffrey mine at Asbestos, Quebec, is prepared at J-M's Research Center for tests which will determine its quality. Complete facilities for milling the fibre are also provided at the Research Center as part of a highly successful program for continual improvement of fibre quality.*

was inaugurated to expand and to extend the life of open-pit mining. The first step, removal of the overburden, will take about two years. Underground mining is continuing at this mine.

At our Munro asbestos mine near Matheson, Ontario, development of underground mining, begun in 1954, was completed and underground production started. Eventually this method will replace open-pit mining at the Munro mine.

On November 28 the Southern Rhodesian asbestos mines of Rhodesian Asbestos Limited, in which Canadian Johns-Manville Company, Ltd., held a 51 percent interest, were sold to Rhodesian & General Asbestos Corporation (PVT) Limited, a Southern Rhodesian subsidiary of Turner & Newall, of Manchester, England. In making the sale Johns-Manville acted for all the stockholders of Rhodesian Asbestos Limited. This sale resulted in a loss, most of which was absorbed in 1956.

As a result of expansion and improvement in quality at the Jeffrey mine at Asbestos, Quebec, the Munro mine in Northern Ontario and development of the new Advocate deposit in Newfoundland, the Southern Rhodesian operations were no longer required.

Four new plants or plant additions were completed in 1958, bringing to eight the number of such projects in the past two years. The four are a new Transite pipe plant at Denison, Texas; a new