MINUTES OF THE 77TH MEETING OF THE
QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8TH, 1962
AT THE ST. GEORGE'S CLUB, SHERBROOKE,
P.Q.

Present:

Messrs.	K.V. Lindell	J.O. Eby	W.W. Oughtred
	R.S. Coleman	F.P. Hodgson	M.C. Pharo
	W.J. Johnson	J.R. Hutcheson	G. Robinson
	M.J. Messel	W.A. Janitch	F.P. Smith
	P.A. Meyer	G.F. Jenkins	H.A. Smith
	A.L. Penhale	A.S. Johnson, Jr.	J.P. Wiser
	G.W. Smith	R.J. Merrill	I. Sabourin
	I.C. Campbell	L.O. Montpetit	W.H. Soutar

Minutes of the meeting of October 23rd, 1961 were adopted.

Uniform Classification and Grading

Inspector's reports were issued on November 23rd and December 20th and show much overgrading from Q.S. test.

Some companies are correcting results where it is found that the Q.S. machines are out while others report results as per the tests. The committee chairman will review this subject with the Fibre Inspector to determine how he handles machine errors when making up his report.

The Research Laboratory, although not yet operative, is open for inspection by members. The delay has been caused by slow deliveries of equipment. Mr. Pare is now at the University and two technicians will be on the staff this month (January).

It is proposed to hold an official visit to the laboratory following the meeting of March 5th.

Sample sizes to be sent to the laboratory for testing will be 8-10 lbs. The committee is studying methods of reporting lab. results.

It is agreed that if a member company wants to do own testing, samples will be available on request from the laboratory.

Mr. George Collins has visited several of the members' operations and is presently reviewing information gathered

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from the visits together with data received from Dr. Cummins. Members who have affiliated manufacturing operations are asked to obtain whatever approval is necessary to permit Mr. Collins to visit these plants.

A committee recommendation to increase the salary of the Fibre Inspector by $30.00 per month to $555.00 is adopted, effective January 1st, 1962.

Safety

Lynn, MacLeod Engineering Supplies Ltd. has offered a 'Challenge Trophy' to the Asbestos Industry to be awarded to the Mine and Mill with the best record in respect to reportable accident cases.

It is agreed to accept this offer with details to be worked out between Lynn, MacLeod representatives and the Safety Committee.

It is moved, seconded and adopted that effective January 1st, 1962, the monthly salary of the ventilation engineer be increased by $70.00 to $675.00.

Workmen's Compensation

Reference was made to a brief presented to the Minister of Labour and members of the Workmen's Compensation Commission by a delegation representing Labour Unions in the Province. The brief contains 54 recommendations.

It is reported that counter briefs are being prepared by the Canadian Manufacturers Association and the Quebec Metal Mining Association. Messrs. W. J. Johnson and W. H. Soutar are asked to meet with the Quebec Metal Mining Association representatives to discuss the idea of a joint brief from the two mining associations.

It is reported that Mr. D. Robillard has left the Compensation Commission and is now Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance.

The congratulations of members are extended to Mr. R. S. Coleman and his staff at National Asbestos Mines Ltd. for an outstanding performance in having completed a full year of operating without an accident.

Industrial Relations

To be dealt with at a special meeting.

Public Relations

Publication of a pamphlet on 'Asbestos' by Editorial Associates has been delayed due to printing errors.

Copies of a recent talk by Mr. Roger Hackney on the manufacturing of asbestos products in Canada are being given publicity.

Similar messages will be released by Mr. A. L. Penhale to the annual edition of the Montreal 'Gazette'. The subject is also being covered by a special article in the 'Financial Post'.

Technical and Research

This committee met on November 14th, 1961, and continues through sub committees to study possible improvements to test methods. Minutes of the meeting have been issued to members. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16th.

Mr. Jenkins reported having attended a meeting of the 'Fibre Testing Committee' of the A.T.I. in Philadelphia on December 7th. This committee is presently working on a compressibility test, a frictional properties test and moisture content test.

Legislation and Taxation

Nothing new to report.

Traffic

This committee met with the Continental and U.K. Conferences in November but no conclusions have been reached to date.

Rates of the River Plate Conference have been increased £5.00 per ton to take care of increased wharfage fees.

Lower freight rates have been obtained on shipments of spinning fibre from Quebec to Southern U.S. points.

C.A.M.A. Research

Announcement has been made of the formation of a fourteen man industrial advisory committee to examine how federal assistance could be given to industry to stimulate research. The proposed annual expenditure by the government is $10 million.

Attorney's Account

Expenses Jan. 1st to June 30, 1961	-	$ 3,864.60
Expenses July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1961	-	2,200.00
Fees Jan-Dec. 1961	-	13,820.00
		$ 19,884.60

Moved, seconded and approved for payment.

Association Name

Nothing new.

Exchange of Information - U.S.S.R.

The President stated that Mr. R. Hackney has asked to be an accredited representative of the delegation to visit the U.S.S.R. at no cost to the C.A.M.A. Approved.

Asbestos Statistics - D.B.S.

Closed.

Asbestos - A Symposium of Articles

Closed.

Grading and Classification, Agreement Providing Sanctions

The President expressed the view that monies being spent in establishing tests would be wasted unless some form of policing of the industry is introduced with effective penalties. He referred members to a memorandum of October 1960 submitted by Mr. H. A. Smith.

Q.M.M.A. Tax Brief

While this association appreciates the opportunities offered by the Quebec Metal Mining Association to discuss common problems and participate in joint action, it is not considered desirable to participate in this particular brief. The President will explain our non-participation to officers of the Q.M.M.A.

Car Mileage - Mine Rescue Superintendents

On motion duly made and seconded, it is agreed to approve a car mileage allowance of 12 cents to the superintendents for use of own cars on association business.

Withdrawal of Quebec Retail Sales Tax 'P' Licence

Notice from the Canadian Manufacturer's Association of a proposal to repeal the 'P' licence privilege was distributed together with a questionnaire indicating the effect of such withdrawal. Members are asked to complete the questionnaire and return it either to the C.M.A. direct or to the Secretary. It is considered that such withdrawal might result in heavier taxation to our industry.

Accounts Payable

Payment of the following accounts is ratified:

Editorial Associates	October 1961	$ 5,350.44
	November 1961	5,350.44
	December 1961	5,350.44

Election of Officers

It is unanimously recommended that the present officers, committee chairman and committee members be re-elected for one year. Adopted.

Moved, seconded and carried that Riddell, Stead, Graham and Hutchison be re-appointed auditors for 1962.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the St. George's Club in Sherbrooke at 10 a.m. Monday, March 5th. It is planned to visit the Sherbrooke University Laboratory during the afternoon of March 5th.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.