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Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for approaching us in yours of the 11th on the possible injurious effect to workers operating our asbestos spraying process as used by the Atlas Asbestos Co. Ltd., of Montreal.

The spraying of asbestos is not a scheduled occupation under the 1931 Asbestosis Medical Scheme in this country so that the workers themselves have not been subject to periodic examination, but, nevertheless, we have for many years maintained a very close watch on this question and, as a result, can fairly say that we know of no single case where workmen or women whose only contact with asbestos has arisen through their operation of our asbestos spraying process, have suffered any ill-effect. This includes not only our experience in Great Britain, but that of our other European Licensees, as far as we are aware. This favourable position is, no doubt, assisted by the fact that we insist on all operators being adequately trained before they are allowed to operate the machines and process, so that the creation of dust is minimised and that which is created is surrounded by a considerable amount of "atomized" water.

We have carried out much research work in the course of our efforts to achieve the highest possible elimination of dust and, in this connection, we would draw your attention to the fact that we have recently patented a method of rendering the fibre dustless prior to spraying by evenly damping it with a small amount of water in a specially constructed machine; this is covered by Canadian Patent Number 446,896. Likewise, in order to simplify the obtaining of these beneficial results we have recently applied for a patent for an improved form of spraying machine which damps the fibre automatically, and is covered by Canadian Application Number 571,767.

All our latest type asbestos spray machines incorporate this latest improvement, and we are proceeding as quickly as possible to convert all existing machines, so that we believe the risk when spraying our specially prepared asbestos fibre mixings will be largely discounted in future.

Sarto R. Plamondon, Esq.

19th July,

The Atlas Asbestos Co. Ltd. have been kept informed of all developments, and henceforth only new type machines will be supplied to them.

Yours faithfully,
J. W. ROBERTS LIMITED.

J. W. Roberts
Director.

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