

At a regular meeting of the Directors of John T. Lewis & Bros. Co. held this day in their offices in the Widener Building, there were present:

Edward F. Beale, Chairman of the Board  
S. French Reeves, Vice President and Treasurer  
J. W. Gardiner, Vice President  
Morris H. Merritt, Secretary  
Leonard T. Beale, Director

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Edward F. Beale, who presided, and Mr. Morris H. Merritt reported the minutes of the meeting.

The minutes of our meeting of October 16 were read and approved.

Mr. Reeves reported that there had been a small fire in our dry color department on Wednesday morning, October 18, which developed suddenly while two of our men were shoveling C.P. green. The total loss is estimated between \$800. and \$1000. claim for which will be filed with Hamlin & Company.

On next Wednesday, October 25, a group of about 45 students from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute will visit our factory for lunch and for the afternoon.

Mr. Reeves brought up the fact that under present business conditions there seems to be a little feeling developing among labor that they are entitled to higher rates of pay, particularly if the National Lead Company does not issue any bonus at the end of the year. Mr. Reeves will have comparative figures in the next couple of weeks as to what other firms are paying in this locality.

Last Wednesday, October 18, we held the first of our factory leadership meetings with a talk by Mr. Guy M. Bloom, Managing Director of the Philadelphia Relief Board. He explained the present conditions in Philadelphia and just what is necessary for a person to get on relief.

Mr. Gardiner reported that a letter has come in from New York explaining that while we are supposed to hold some painters meetings during the coming year, expenses incident thereto are to be very limited.

Mr. Gardiner submitted the following reports:

White Lead Tonnage Comparisons for 1929 and 1939

Regular Weekly Report of Shipments

Monthly Deliveries to the Branches for September  
and for the Nine Months Period.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting adjourned.



Secretary.

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