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MINUTES OF THE 89TH MEETING OF THE
QUEBEC ASBESTOS MINING ASSOCIATION

[illegible], OCTOBER 14TH, 1964
AT THE ST. GEORGE'S CLUB, SHERBROOKE, P.Q.

Present:

Messrs.	F.J. Fessel	J.C. Campbell	W.W. Oughtred
	J.G. Eby	R.Dodds-Hebron	G.A. Piché
	R.S. Coleman	F.P. Hodgson	F.P. Smith
	P.A. Meyer	G.F. Jenkins	C. Robinson
	A.L. Pemble	R.J. Ferrill	I. Sabourin
	Geo. W. Smith	L.G. Montpetit	P.-A. Filteau

The President, Mr. F.J. Fessel, occupied the chair. Minutes of the meeting of May 25th, 1964 were adopted.

Technical Committee

The chairman reported that the last meeting of the committee was held in Asbestos on September 22nd. He reviewed the work in progress:

a) Dyckerhoff Calibrating Standards- Better correlation between results obtained by members and those of the Sherbrooke Laboratory is under study.
b) Oil Absorption - The kerosene retention procedure is approved in principle.
c) Fineness - A revised procedure to be issued.
d) Accelerated S.U. Test - Further data being accumulated.
e) A.C. Silica Mixes - work should be completed before the end of the year.

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f) Sag Cone Test and Plasticity Index - It appears that the test has possibilities for the measurement of wet strength.

g) Wet Volume - An amended procedure has been accepted.

h) Modified U.S. Mist - Tests are completed and data under study.

i) Sherbrooke Laboratory - There is some laboratory time available for use by sub-committees. Requests should be made through the chairman of the Technical Committee for clearance with the directors.

j) New Turner-Newall Procedures - A report on the Suter-Webb method will be presented at the next meeting of the Technical Committee. This meeting to be held on November 16th next.

ATI meeting (October 8th and 9th) The new Fibre Testing Manual was discussed and it was decided that its size would remain the same as before (8½ x 11) in bound volume form and also in separate individual tests. A digest of the manual will be issued with tests identified by numbers. Deadline for approved material is the next ATI meeting, February 10, 11 and 12, 1965.

The chairman advised that Mr. Lincoln, Research Director of the Turner-Newall fibre Laboratory, has developed a magnetic rating equipment at a low price of $200. He also advised that the Asbestos Cement Products Association has changed its name to Mineral Fibre Products Bureau.

Uniform Classification and Grading

Since last meeting two shipping test reports by the inspector have been distributed. Fifty-seven grade samples have been sent to the Sherbrooke Laboratory. Following explanations given

by the chairman of the committee concerning Mr. J. Paré recent visit to asbestos plants in France it was moved that an amount up to $200. be paid by CAMA to Mr. Paré for certain legitimate travelling expenses. Adopted.

The new wage scale for technicians at the Sherbrooke University which was adopted at the special meeting of July 30th will cost the Association some $3,150. on a total of $23,600. in salaries. The base rate has been increased from $3,600. to $4,200.

It was moved and adopted that a prize of $50. be awarded to one of Paré's students who is preparing a thesis on asbestos in concrete, following submission of the outline of his thesis as accepted by the University.

Mr. Paré may become a member of the A.S.T.M. sub-committee on asbestos fibre, but, any work there is to be done in the laboratory must be approved by the directors. The time available at the Sherbrooke Laboratory following completion of S.U. Test for fifth exchange will be devoted to increased work on accelerated S.U. Test and the rate of reaction as a harshness test.

Following the receiving of a request from Héribert Hiendl of Hegelstadt, Germany, it was suggested that the General Manager write to Mr. Hiendl and suggest that he wait until the ATI manual comes out before making any inclusion in a book he is writing on the operation of AC machines. The J.T. Donnell & Company, assaying consultants in Montreal, have asked to have some testing work done for them on a pre-shipment (?). It was agreed that such test could be made at a specified fee ($5. - $10. - $25.) and without accepting any responsibility. Results to be in records accessible to CAMA. The purchase of a Rota

filter for the Sherbrooke Laboratory at a price of $2,000. was proposed and approved. An amount of $1,027. was also approved for the changes made for walls, doors, etc. at the Sherbrooke Lab. in order to provide for additional space required. Mr. E. MacKhool of the Ottawa Law Firm will submit a report on their recommendations concerning the four patent applications submitted by the Association. It seems that the sonic patent is doubtful; the other three will require patent applications.

The brief requesting from Ottawa research assistance in connection with testing and certain applications of asbestos fibre was reviewed and commented. It was moved and adopted that the brief be submitted on October 15th at a meeting with the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys and some of his senior officials as already mutually arranged. It was indicated that on this occasion Mr. H.R. Woodrooffe will submit on behalf of his section a list of areas for investigation to supplement the CAPA request.

Industrial Relations

The report of the dust control engineer was circulated.

The chairman reported on his recent visit to the Quebec Workmen's Compensation Commission with Messrs. W.H. Souter and P.A. Filteau. The group met primarily with the assessors and the treasurer of the Commission to enquire about certain problems and the merit rating system. With regards to the merit system, the group was told that in addition to the actual cost rate (minimum 0.35 maximum $4.50) there is also a mutual rate, which is meant to operate upwards or downwards on the total

assessment, depending whether the group experiences a surplus or a deficit at the end of a given year. This explains the recent assess[illegible] of [illegible] per $100. salary imposed to all the workers because of the experience of last year. In the case of permanent partial disability cases, adjustments can be made up or down during the first three year period and credits or debits are charged against individual employers. Since December 1963, the ruling in the case of death is the same for P.P.D. compensations as for cases of asbestosis or silicosis; no refund is made to the employer when there is a balance left in the capitalized fund but, a charge is made to the employer should the capitalized fund be insufficient to take care of the widow and the children, if any.

The commissioners also mentioned certain abuses (non-reporting of accidents) brought to their attention and they express their intent to discuss in the near future a case where a safety contest might have resulted in the non-reporting of an accident.

The committee is arranging a wage survey which will cover a wide range of companies. It would seem that the Union is not ready to negotiate the next contract at an early date.

Traffic

The chairman reported that no regular meeting had been held with the various shipping conferences. However, it seem quite likely that rate increases will take place. A Canadian conference has been formed for the Australian-New Zealand trade.

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ager submitted a form to report taxes, dues, etc.
ter companies during the year. The data to be
ial and to be used for the total industry only.
n will be collected through Riddell, Stead, Graham
The new Mining Act is expected to come down early
ession and it might be appropriate then to stress
power that mining industry injects in the economic
we were also advised that the Belanger Commission
to meet with officials of Department of Natural
make sure that both are in agreement concerning
ons to be made to the Provincial Cabinet.

he recently proposed Provincial Pension Plan was
its main features explained. It was agreed that a
be sent to each director.

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an explained that his committee had discussed the
arranging for the publication of Asbestos Producer
he Quebec office versus the Public Relations consultant,
sently being done. It was the consensus of opinion
hough some saving might be achieved by making this
other factors seem to indicate that it would be best
nue under the present arrangement and that Editas should
d to reduce their cost.

the coming Canadian Ski Championship to be held in
d in 1965, Editas will provide public relations counsel to

the Thetford Ski Club having in mind the promotion of favorable public relations for the industry.

It was agreed that the Thetford asbestos mining companies would possibly sponsor a ten minute news broadcast over the facilities of Station CKLD in Thetford Mines three times a week at a cost of approximately $23.00 a week. The industry could have access to this medium of communication for specific announcements of its own. The chairman to discuss the conditions for this project with the companies operating in the Thetford area.

In the case of requests for information on the general health of the industry from news media, it was agreed that such could be channeled through the General Manager who will then consult with the President on any statement to be made. It was suggested that copies of the article of the Wall Street Journal on the Canadian asbestos industry which appeared in October 9th issue should be sent to each member company.

It was moved and adopted that an amount of $200. be turned over to the representative of Editas, on his way shortly to the United Kingdom, to cover certain travelling expenses involved when calling on local asbestos manufacturers for information on the need for export of raw asbestos fibre from Canada.

A model for a CAMA crest was submitted; it was recommended that certain modifications be made to the design submitted.

The proposal submitted by Mr. George Hunter concerning the taking of aerial photographs of each mining property was put off for decision until next spring.

Expo '67

The brochure and the art work are completed; printing is awaiting decision of Expo officials.

A new design for an asbestos industry pavilion has been prepared by the architect. This structure would contain an exhibit describing the origin of the mineral, its extraction and processing, the uses and products made of asbestos. Such an exhibit would require imagination and the services of an experienced industrial designer. Prior to pursuing the matter any further it was decided to ask the architect for a cost estimate of his new design. In the meantime, the General Manager is to endeavour to hold on until next meeting to the plot of land reserved on the Expo site.

On September 20th, a visit of the Expo site was organized for the representatives of the mining industry throughout Canada. Following the visit the executive director of the Canadian Metal Mining Association indicated that the mining industry as such will not participate in Expo '67 and that it was left to the individual companies to decide on their participation in this event.

General Manager Report

Because of the heavy agenda, the General Manager touched only briefly on certain of his activities during the past month. A copy of his report is attached.

Also attached is a summary of the reply of Honorable Benidickson to the brief submitted to the Government of Canada at the end of the 20th Annual Conference of the Provincial Ministers of Mines.

NEW BUSINESS

OSMA Treasurer

Accounts payable ratified as follows:

EDITAS	Account for	May	5,350.44
		June	5,350.44
		July	5,350.44
		August	5,350.44
		September	5,350.44
			$ 26,752.20

Visit of Russian Asbestos Mines

The President gave a brief review of his recent visit to Russia. The group of four Canadian asbestos industry representatives were well received and visited the industrial complex located at Asbest in the Ural Mountains. The Russian output is estimated at some 1,430,000 metric tons of fibre annually which is somewhat greater than the Canadian production. A new mill (Mill No. 6) is almost ready to go into production. Two new deposits are presently being developed: One at Kiembi, Kazakhastan, with a potential annual capacity of 250,000 tons and one in Mongolia, with a capacity of 600,000 tons.

There is, however, no connection between the Asbest operations and the new projects. In general, the Soviet asbestos industry appears to be behind in quality control. The visitors were shown in their laboratories an electrical method to measure fibre content and also a device to measure moisture content. It would seem that at present Russia is exporting relatively less

to the European countries; however, it could at any time increase exports substantially, should it be convenient in its economic and political battle with the West.

Conference on Biological Effects of Asbestos

It was pointed out at the ATI meeting in New York that recent publicity on the subject of biological effects of asbestos were somewhat sensational and could have far reaching and damaging effects on not only the asbestos products manufacturers but also directly on the asbestos mining industry. It was remarked that such discussions should be kept strictly on a medical level, since they refer to the cases of disability only and do not cover all aspects of the industry.

It was moved and adopted that a contribution be made to the New York Academy of Sciences towards cost involved in sponsoring the above Conference. A maximum amount of $ 5,000. is allocated and final recommendation to be made to the President following attendance at the Conference by the Counsel and the General Manager.

Next Meeting

Next regular meeting will be held on November 23rd, in Quebec City most likely.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.