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Memorandum for File

Visit of Mr. Peter Howarth
Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd.
(Australian Blue Fiber)

On May 5, Mr. Howarth visited the Fiber Department to discuss Australian Blue fiber with H. S. Badollet and J. G. Trice.

A brief review was held on the results of our tests on Australian Blue using as a basis P. B. Froctor's memorandum of March 25, 1958, which summarizes quality of Australian Blue over the past few years. Mr. Howarth indicated that the uproar which Johns-Manville had raised in 1957 about the dropping off of their quality was justified, and that it had resulted in their setting up quality control checks. At the present time they are not equipped with the standard McNett test, but have a self-built unit in their central research laboratory. Hand wash tests are used at the mine and samples are sent weekly for check tests to the central laboratory. They now have on order two McNett units, one which will be placed at each location, and they expect to use this for their quality control. Mr. Howarth indicated that they have at present a relatively good agreement between their two test methods and our McNett results, and their present practice is to rescreen any lots which do not meet specification.

The Johns-Manville modifications on the McNett test (vacuum filtering system) and infra-red drier were shown to Mr. Howarth, and detailed drawings of each given to him for his use.

No discussions were held concerning Johns-Manville formulations or the comparative results or values of other kinds of fiber.

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