

particularly true where the asbestos user is also a smoker. Probably other types of cancer are produced, although the research in this area is not yet complete¹.

Asbestosis, by definition, is pulmonary fibrosis produced by the inhalation of asbestos fibers, just as silicosis is produced by the inhalation of silica, anthracosis by the inhalation of coal, and so on.

The first report of asbestosis came in 1906,^{1/} although some four years earlier asbestos was included by the Inspector of Factories in England in the list of dusts known to be injurious to man.^{2/} Other isolated reports appeared in medical literature in the ensuing years, but it was not until 1918 that any of the real attention was drawn to the matter. In that year, a Vice-President of the Prudential Insurance Company called attention to the probable harmfulness of asbestos dust and intimated that his

1/ This was a report by Dr. H. Montagu Murry to a Departmental Committee on Industrial Diseases in England. The report was apparently not published. See Cooke, W. E., Asbestos Dust and the Curious Bodies Found in Pulmonary Asbestosis. Br. Med. J., II, 578 (1929)

2/ Anderson, A. M., Historical Sketch of the Development of Legislation for Injurious and Dangerous Industries in England. In "Dangerous Trades" (T. Oliver, ed.), Dulton, New York, 1902.