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RE QUEBEC ASBESTOS PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

The following companies compose the Association:

1. Asbestos Corporation, Limited, Thetford Mines, Que.
2. Bell Asbestos Mines, Limited, Thetford Mines, Que.
3. Canadian Johns-Manville Co. Ltd., Asbestos, Que.
4. Johnson's Company, Thetford Mines, Que.
5. Nicolet Asbestos Mines, Limited, Norbestos, Que.
6. Quebec Asbestos Corporation, East Broughton, Que.

1. Asbestos Corporation Limited is a public stock company organized in 1926 as the result of the merger of nine separate companies which were themselves the result of earlier consolidations of a large number of asbestos mines. Control of this organization is said to be vested in the Royal Bank of Canada and the Sun Life Company, but as there has been considerable activity in the stock of Asbestos Corporation on the Montreal market, it is not certain who now has the controlling interest.

Mr. R. W. Steele is president, and Messrs. C. W. Colby and Kenneth T. Dawes are the vice-presidents. Capt. Ross is manager and Mr. J. F. McCallum is secretary-treasurer.

2. Bell Asbestos Mines, Limited, is a Canadian company wholly owned by Turner and Newall Limited of London, England. Because these British interests also own Kearsby & Mattison Co. of Ambler, Penn. and Perodo Asbestos and Brake Lining Co. of New Brunswick, N.J., there is of course close contact between Bell Asbestos and the two U. S. companies.

The president of this company is Mr. ^{C. C.} J. Smith, while other executive positions are occupied by several brothers. Mr. C. S. Bell, a director of Turner & Newall, visits the property twice a year, and presumably supervises operations on behalf of the British owners.

3. Canadian Johns-Manville Co. Ltd. is a subsidiary of the Johns-Manville Corporation of New York City, which is controlled by the J. P. Morgan interests. Mr. Lewis H. Brown is president of both concerns. Mr. C. R. Shoemaker, who up to about two years ago was a vice-president of the Canadian company and general manager of all operations at Asbestos, is now a vice-president of the New York company. Mr. H. K. Sherry is now vice-president and general manager at Asbestos.

(Membership in the Associate Committee on Asbestos Bill stands in the name of Mr. Shoemaker.)

4. Johnson's Company is privately owned by a small group. The directors are: Harold Kennedy, president, Dr. J. A. Johnson, vice-president, Andrew S. Johnson, managing director, and S. J. Johnson. There is also an advisory board consisting of James S. Johnson, John H. Mooney, Herbert McGreevy and Angus E. Forbes.

5. Nicolet Asbestos Mines Limited is owned and controlled by several asbestos manufacturing companies of the United States, - The Sull Mountain Co. of Chicago and Horristown Magnesia and Asbestos Co. of Horristown, Penn., being two whose connection with the Canadian company is definitely known.

Mr. H. A. Meyers of New York is president of Nicolet and Mr. G. M. Boyd is general manager at Horbestos. This company has produced no fibre since about 1933, but considerable work has been done on determining the extent of the asbestos deposit and on improvement of the mine generally. The mill is kept in shape for going into operation at a moment's notice. From time to time, a carload or more of fibre is purchased from the other Canadian producers (usually Canadian Johns-Manville) and is re-graded in the Nicolet mill.

6. Quebec Asbestos Corporation is owned by the Philip Carey Co. of Lockland (Cincinnati), Ohio, who also own a small factory at Lennoxville, Que. Mr. E. E. Spafford is general manager at East Broughton and is also in charge of the factory at Lennoxville.

The Quebec Asbestos Producers Association holds meetings about once a month at Sherbrooke, Que., for the purpose of discussing technical problems relating to fibre inspection, testing and grading, fibre classification, safety work and the work being done at the National Research Council. The Association employs a fibre inspector and a safety engineer.

Representatives of the above companies occasionally meet at Montreal at what are known as "Executive Committee" meetings, to discuss prices, sales, etc. From time to time this body makes suggestions to the Q.A.P.A. and sometimes the latter submits proposals for the approval of the "Executive Committee".

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