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Mining Activities in the North-East

The following report covers a tour of inspection of mining in part of the Murchison, Ashburton, West Pilbara, Pilbara, and West Kimberley Goldfields during the period 24th August to 22nd September, 1953. Separate reports have been prepared on mining in the Kimberley Goldfield.

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Australian Base Asbestos, Cliffsroom - Crocidolite.

Production has been increased to 350 tons of fibre per month. Development of the workings from the new portal rapidly proceeding. New mine headings do not follow the fibre but are driven more or less horizontally into the hillside. Contact is made with the fibre by means of rises, which are never greater than 5' feet in height.

On completion of new offices the old building will be converted to a changeroom for the underground employees.

Mill operation, at the time of our visit, was very dusty being brought about by the installation of new plant and the removal of dust curtains. The mill staff advises that the dust will only be a temporary nuisance and should be well under control within a week or two.

Output of the mine should reach 450 tons of fibre per month on the completion of new truck facilities for the new portal, a surface bin, and the opening up of workings in Colonial Gorge.

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