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The following notes were compiled during the recent inspections of Northern Fields.

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WEST PILBARA GOLDFIELD.

Australian Blue Asbestos.

The underground workings were in very good order. The quantity of fibre exposed in many working faces however, was not encouraging.

At Western Gorge there was much activity. From information given to me these workings are the most promising for future supplies.

The milling plant is disgraceful. Some sections have been hooded in with canvas curtains but a severe dust (or fibre) concentration pollutes the entire plant. I consider that the most effective remedy would be to exhaust large volumes of air through the roof of the mill building. Sealing of the walls should be done in such a manner as to permit intake air at those points which would carry the dust direct to the exhaust openings.

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