

stages of disease were defined and at that time, it was, of course, called 'Miners' Phthisis', and the first definition was: "Miners' Phthisis shall mean silicosis of the lungs". Certain benefits are awarded when there is no serious or permanent impairment, or more if there is serious or permanent impairment. No mention was made of tuberculosis.

Four years afterwards, it was - the legislation was amended, and it was then said that, for the purposes of this Act, the expression 'Miners' Phthisis' means silicosis of the lungs, and tuberculosis means tuberculosis of the lungs or of the respiratory organs.

Now, here it may be strange to an American audience to appreciate how the acts are drafted. In our draft, you start off by defining in the beginning of the act, every term that you use, as if it were a dictionary, and it is that definition that fixes the attitude of the Compensation Board toward the particular individual's troubles.

Now, in 1916, tuberculosis was included and became compensable, whether associated with or without silicosis. Then, it was realized that the definition which was used then was not satisfactory, and a much more elaborate one was introduced three years afterwards under the so-called Consolidating Act, and a radical change was made.

At this stage - in this Act, a third stage of silicosis was recognized and that is the so-called ante-