Minutes
GENERAL MEETING
Asbestos Textile Institute
June 4, 1965
Hotel Le Provence, Thetford Mines, Canada

IN ATTENDANCE:

AMERICAN ASBESTOS TEXTILE CORP.
J.W. Weber
J.L. Rainey
G.S. Fabel
J.W. Christenbury
Wm. Maaskant
D.F. Quealy

ASBESTOS CORPORATION LTD.
G.F. Jenkins
F.E. LeClerc (A.C.S. Ltd.)
E.L. Alexander (A.C.S. Ltd.)
W.W. Oughtred
M.P.Carson
A.L. Penhale
G.F.A. Brink
M.C. Pharo

BELL ASBESTOS MINES LTD.
G.W. Smith
F.T. Smith
Wm.J.W. Smith
R. Dodds-Hebron
Norman L. Barr

CASSIAR ASBESTOS CORP.
J.D. Christian
N. Gritzuk
T.T. Tigert
R. Harson (Ontario Research Foundation)

JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.
W.S. Hough
E.A. Schuman
W.C. Atkinson
C.L. Sheckler
Dr. K.W. Smith

LAKE ASBESTOS OF QUEBEC LTD.
M.J. Messel
E.A. Farrell
K.W. Nelson

H.K. PORTER COMPANY, INC.
J.T. Griffis
J.D. McCluer
D.E. Childers

RAYBESTOS-MANHATTAN, INC.
J.A. Brown, Jr.
L.C. Williams
J.P. Wronski
M.W. Oliver
R.B. Smith
J.W. Hawkins

TALLMAN-MC CLUSKEY FABRICS CO.
Ted D. McCluskey

TURNER & NEWALL LTD.
Bernard Lincoln

U.S. RUBBER COMPANY
A.C. Link
D.T. Austin, Jr.
S.J. Peele, Jr.
B.D. Hubbard
J.H. Wolfsie (Dr.)

BRITISH BELTING & ASBESTOS LTD.
J.L. Mitchell

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT
F.Jay Flocken (Legal Counsel)

ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
H.E. Sunbury (Exec. Secretary)

SOCIETE ANONYME FRANCAISE DU FERODO
Monsieur Collineau
" Decaestecker

U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
Dr. L.J. Cralley

JOHNS-MANVILLE CO. OF CANADA LTD.
H.W. Hendry

** GUESTS **

Karl V. Lindell, Chairman, Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Ltd.
J.O.Eby, Vice Pres.& Genl.Mgr., Jeffrey Mine, Can.Johns-Manville Co.Ltd.
R. Gagnon, Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Ltd.
L. Piuze, Mine Mgr., Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Ltd.
M.J. Messel, President, Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Ltd.
A.L. Penhale, Chairman & President, Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
G.F. Jenkins, Director, Asbestos Corporation Ltd.

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Guests:

L. Pontpetit, Manager, Nicolet Asbestos Mines Ltd.
Ivan Sabourin, Q.C., Montreal
C.B. Brown, Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd.
J.A.D. Marcotte, Director, Asbestos Corporation Ltd.
Dr. R.J. Merrill, Mgr., Carey-Canadian Mines Ltd.
F.P. Hodgson, Manager, Flintkote Mines Ltd.
M. Lachance, Q.A.I.A. Dust Engineer, Thetford Industrial Clinic
R.S. Coleman, Manager, National Asbestos Mines Ltd.
Dr. L.J. Cralley, U.S. Public Health Service, Cincinnati, Ohio
Dr.K.W. Smith,Medical Director, Johns-Manville Corp.,New York, N.Y.
Dr.J.H.Wolfsie,Medical Director,United States Rubber Co.,New York,NY
Mr.N.L.Barr,Director,Bell Asbestos Mines Ltd.,Sales Mgr.,Atlas Asb.Co.
Dr. R. Marson, Director, Ontario Research Foundation
M. Gritzuk, Asst. to the Genl. Mgr., Cassiar Asbestos Corp., Ltd.
Dr. Paul Cartier, Thetford Industrial Clinic, Thetford Mines
Geo. S. Fabel, American Asbestos Textile Corp.
A. Collineau, Societe Anonyme Francaise Du Ferodo
M. Decaestecker, " " " " "

In addition to the above guests we were privileged to have thirty ladies accompany their husbands to our luncheon on Friday, June 4th.

--- Minutes of the Meeting ---

1. The meeting was called to order by President J.A. Brown, Jr., who expressed our appreciation for the opportunity of holding this meeting in Thetford Mines, and thanked our hosts, Asbestos Corporation, Ltd.; Bell Asbestos Mines Limited; Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Ltd.; Cassiar Asbestos Corporation Limited; and Lake Asbestos of Quebec Limited, for their wonderful hospitality and meticulous handling of the many details incidental to the meeting. The miners' committee who handled the local arrangements consisted of M.T. Carson, Asbestos Corp.; M.W. Hendry of Can. Johns-Manville Co.; Roland Gagnon, Lake Asbestos of Quebec; Wm.J.W. Smith of Bell Asbestos Mines representing Cassiar Asbestos Corp.; and F.Parker Smith, Bell Asbestos Mines, who was Chairman of the committee. To all of these gentlemen we extend individual thanks for a job that was exceedingly well done!
President Brown then introduced a number of the special guests who were attending this meeting, following which he explained that due to the fact that some of the men had to leave before noontime in order to catch a midafternoon flight out of Montreal, the usual agenda had been reversed to enable them to hear our several guest speakers.

2. Our first speaker was Mr. M.J. Messel, President of Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Limited, who welcomed the members of A.T.I. with these remarks: "President Brown, Members of A.T.I., Guests: It is a pleasure, on behalf of the Canadian Asbestos Miners, to welcome you to asbestos country with its man-made mountains and to tell you how pleased and honoured we are to have you hold your meeting in Thetford Mines.
While I have not been very active in A.T.I., I have followed its work very closely through the reading of the fine and comprehensive reports which your Secretary so ably puts together. I have also followed closely the cooperative work which your technical committees have been doing with the Quebec Asbestos Mining Association, which

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is much appreciated and mutually beneficial. I know the work of an association such as yours is a difficult one due to wide range and complexity of problems that have to be dealt with and wish to congratulate your association in the splendid and effective way that it conducts its affairs and copes with your industry problems.
As yet there is no shortage of Group 3 spinning fibres from the mines in Canada, as I can still see plenty of order-takers around. However, there are indications of possible shortages in some of the asbestos cement grades. At one time the spinning fibre grades were the mainstay of the asbestos producing industry, but this has now been supplanted by the asbestos cement fibre grades together with expanded uses of the shorter fibres.
During 1964, the Canadian Asbestos producing industry employed over 6000 people and exported approximately 1,333,000 tons of asbestos with an approximate gross value of $155,000,000. Of this total only 34,607 tons were crude and spinning grades with an approximate total value of $14,000,000. The U.S.A. market consumed approximately 14,600 tons of crudes and spinning fibres with a value of approximately $6,400,000, and this has remained rather constant for the past 3 or 4 years. The only other large suppliers of spinning fibres are Russia and Rhodesia. The figures we obtained during our visit to Russia would indicate approximately 20 to 25 thousand tons of spinning fibres out of an estimated total production of 1,600,000 tons; so Canada still holds its dominant position as supplier of textile fibres.
The cooperative work that is being carried on for improved fibre testing methods and standards should lead to a better understanding between the producing and consuming asbestos industries.
Mr. Sabourin, as attorney for Q.A.M.A., will tell you something of the work that is being considered with respect to the health of the workers in our industry. I feel there should be room for cooperative work between the A.T.I. and Q.A.M.A.
I hope your visit among us will be a most happy and pleasant one and will result in a better understanding of our mutual problems, and I know the Local Committees of A.T.I. and the Canadian Asbestos Miners have done a splendid job in making your stay amongst us both happy and memorable."

3. President Brown then introduced Dr. Kenneth W. Smith, Medical Director of Johns-Manville Corporation, who stressed the desirability, indeed the necessity, of the asbestos industry telling the truth about the health of its employees and giving meaningful reports as to company experience. He pointed out that some of the more prolific writers on so-called "asbestosis" have relatively little background of actual "cases" on which to base their theories or conclusions, as compared with our collective and also individual company experience over many years time. Dr. Smith urged full cooperation on the part of various companies to open their records, and full cooperation with the work of the U.S. Public Health Service. He stated that the general overall health of Johns-Manville longtime employees compared favorably with industry in general, and pointed to the steadily expanding membership in their 25 year club as evidence of this fact.

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4. President Brown then introduced Mr. Karl V. Lindell, Chairman, Canadian Johns-Manville Co., Ltd., who expressed his pleasure at having the opportunity to attend this meeting, and said that he would like to have Mr. Ivan Sabourin, Q.C., attorney for the Q.A.M.A., tell us about the work that has been done in past years to protect the