

to competition from other sources the prices realized had fallen very considerably. Italy, Russia, and South Africa, were each contributing to the world's supply, but he ventured to say that the quality of the fibre from these countries was vastly inferior to that produced by Canada. The sample of crude from South Africa on the table would illustrate the great inferiority of that product compared with Canadian, yet manufactured goods were being made from it and sold in England at one-half cost of Canadian and Italian. A new source of asbestos is also reported to have been found in Arizona in the United States. So far, however, the quality of the asbestos from these different fields is of much lower grade, and we doubt not but that the Canadian product will continue to hold its position of first place against all other competitors. Murray in one of his reports to the Geological Survey, pointed out many years ago the likelihood of asbestos being found in economic quantity in Newfoundland. Dr. Ells of the Survey had also more recently visited the colony, but he was not aware that his report had been published. He had seen samples from the Cleary mine, Port au Port Bay, but developments there and indeed at any of the mines had not yet demonstrated that any serious fears need be entertained by the Canadian producer of the quantity or quality of asbestos to be produced from this new source.

MR. JOHN J. PENHALE (United Asbestos Co.) Black Lake said that he heard of the Newfoundland asbestos two years ago, but the people who were looking into it then were not so frank as Mr. Willis. He had seen samples taken from the Newfoundland deposits and thought they were good, and somewhat similar to the Canadian samples. He understood that the work so far had been purely of a preliminary character and that nothing but the surface deposits had been opened up. It should be remarked, however that experience had shown that no material improvement in quality was found at depth, the fibre being much the same.

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