

MR. L. A. KLEIN thought that it would not be necessary for the mine owners to do that. The suppliers would put up the magazine and the mine owners would buy their explosives daily. Nothing could prevent that and the Government would get the \$150 license fee and twenty thousand tons might be stored there.

THE CHAIRMAN remarked that the mines of the asbestos district were within a comparatively small circuit, and there would be no great inconvenience in keeping their explosives in one magazine.

MR. W. H. IRWIN said that so far as the convenience of the miners was concerned, he thought it would be a great advantage over the present system, but at the same time the Quebec Government would consider that an evasion of the Act so far as it related to the license and the revenue to be derived.

MR. A. M. EVANS remarked that the law of taxation would be all right if a man were to go to Thetford and put up a powder magazine for the purpose of selling that powder to miners, but the law has no right to tax the individual miner. It might as well tax him for his bread and cheese.

THE CHAIRMAN, in answer to a question, stated that a magazine of the kind he had submitted to the Government would not cost more than \$500 or \$600.

MR. W. H. IRWIN stated that last year their magazine was struck by lightning and that had it been built according to the plans suggested in the Act not only would the magazine have been blown to pieces, but being of stone and solid material would have done a great deal of damage. Their magazine was a wooden building on the top of a mountain and practically no damage was done.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that the kind of magazine suggested was more for preventing explosion than for considering what the effect of an explosion would be if it took place.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MINE MANAGER.

This subject was ably handled in an address by Mr. A. M. Evans, M.E., Black Lake. Mr. Evans touched upon (1) The responsibilities to ourselves; (2) The responsibilities