

OTTAWA, August 12th, 1904.

SIR,

You are to proceed at once to the productive asbestos region and make a complete report on the occurrence, mining and milling of the mineral "asbestos" and on the present status of the asbestos industry.

This report shall contain:—

- Physical and chemical properties of the mineral.
- Geological occurrence and distribution in Canada.
- The mining of asbestos: methods in vogue and machinery employed.
- Dressing, comprising hand-sorting and mechanical treatment.
- Milling methods and machinery employed.
- Cost of production; market and prices.
- Status of the industry; statistics.
- Descriptions of mines and prospects.
- Commercial application.
- Occurrence in foreign countries.
- Extract of laws governing the prospecting for and mining of the mineral in the Province of Quebec.

This report is to be accompanied by cuts through the formations and deposits, photographs of typical occurrences and of mining and milling plants, drawings of the milling machinery and a map of the asbestos region.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) EUGENE HAANEL.

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