

Research Meetings - Naumkeag Steam Cotton Company - March 1929
to December 1931

34th Session - April 7, 1931

The Technician stated that he believed that the point about the soft dressing was well taken, but that the fact that the weavers were on piece work was understood when the tests were made and the rates agreed to. The standard times accepted allowed for this patrolling. Everyone agrees that the faithful patrolling makes a great difference in the appearance of the sheets, experienced weavers claim that the patrolling actually makes the work easier. Unless the weavers have some other way to accomplish this agreed upon and much needed goal it seems that the dial device should be used.

A Union member suggested that copies of the weavers' standards should be posted again. The Technician stated that the Overseer in Filling Spinning had designed a very satisfactory frame for the standards in his department.

An announcement was made that the card work - after some research had been done - had been negotiated direct between the Management and Union, and would not therefore be brought up before the research committee.

An announcement was made by the Technician that the Management had agreed to carry through the extension of the Filling Spinning only as fast as the employees there could be absorbed, by transfer or in the room, provided it did not take over three months. This policy, which was described as farsighted and statesmanlike, is now being ably carried out by the Supt. of Spinning Mill. It was brought out in discussion that any spare hands who were employed simply as substitutes during the absence of regular help would of course be released when the regular help returned, but that the extension would not cause their dismissal.

The Technician said that he believed this work of taking care of such transfers and training as was necessary is of course some extra work for the management but that he believed it would be amply repaid in appreciation by those concerned.

It was further announced that Mr. Pattee (in charge) and Mr. Carroll had now begun working on the operations in the cloth room. A brief description was given of the plans of the Supt. of Weaving to rearrange this work and the best use of the new equipment which he has introduced. It is planned to have all the necessary repairs made at the inspection machines, and to have the cloth to be bleached and the narrow grey goods rolled instead of folded and baled.