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PREFACE.

Installations of totally enclosed motors as well as box enclosed motors are so built fundamentally for fire protection.

A typical example of dust laden atmosphere harmful to motors, is a flour mill. Flour dust in these mills collects on the motors forming a caking on the windings. This in turn hinders the radiating power of the stator, causes the motor to overheat, and has been the cause of many disastrous fires.

Fire-protection broadly speaking, means the abolishing of the causes that originate fire, and secondly, the providing means which confine fire to the space in which it originates.

In motors, the first is fulfilled by enclosing the motor so that nothing but clean air comes in contact with it. The second protection, if the motor should burn out from an overload, is gotten by building the enclosure of asbestus lumber, thus confining the fire.

These small enclosures as advocated by mill insurance inspectors, require ventilation to keep from running hot, and in this thesis, we have chosen the study of ventilation obtained by natural pipe draft.

Procedure: The ventilation tests were carried on with a 5 H.P. 60 cycle 220 volt induction motor, and a 10 H.P. 60 cycle 110 volt induction motor.

The first test was made by running the motor at full load belted to a D. C. generator. The K. W. input was held constant by two wattmeters in the three phase circuit, and was kept at 4.8 k.W. on the 5 H.P., and 8.3 K.W. on the 10 H.P. machine.

$$\frac{10 \times 746}{.90}$$
 8.3 K.W.

This test was run unenclosed, and gave us the ultimate of temperature rise as 25°C on the 5 H.P. and 30°C on the 10 H.P. motor.

Enclosing the motor in a wall board box with no inlet or outlet, a curve of very rapid temperature rise was obtained. In less than two hours the temperature passed the safe limit at which a motor should be run.

To ventilate such an enclosure, an inlet pipe and a variable height outlet pipe were put on the box (See Fig. 1), and tests run till the air drawn thru the enclosure by the exhaust head was sufficient to let the motor run at a constant safe temperature.

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Problems met in Thesis.

To get the temperature of the stator coils, a study was made of electrical temperature recording devices. As none were at hand in the department and the building of a fairly accurate electrical thermometer is a thesis in itself, we decided to use a two foot 100 C mercury thermometer. A putty pad was placed on the outside stator coils under which the thermometer was placed for registering the coil temperature. The length of the thermometer enabled us to read the scale outside of the enclosure.

The 10 H.P. machine as received by us was connected for a 2 phase 220 volt circuit. The motor had 48 slots, 6 coils in series and was connected series delta. Having 48 slots we recut the stator, putting 4 coils in series and reconnected it into a parallel star. This gave a three phase four pole 110 volt machine.

To have a steady load on the D. C. generator, we built a water barrel recostat of large enough capacity. It consisted of a cast iron plate at the bottom of the barrel and another plate suspended at a variable height above it, both being immersed in a weak salt solution.

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The anemometer used in measuring the velocity of air going thru the enclosure was calibrated by running around a toy track for a definite time. This actual velocity was then plotted against the dial reading and gave a straight line function from which to read correct velocities. (See Curve 1.).

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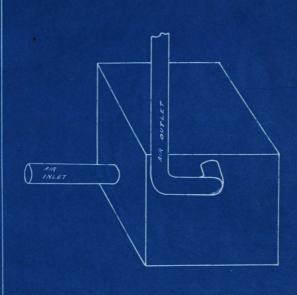


DIAGRAM SHOWING PIPING FOR VENTILATION USED IN TESTS.

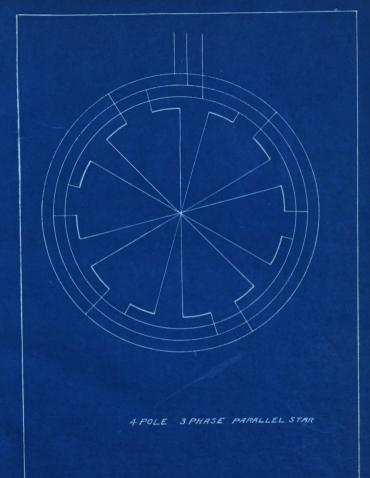
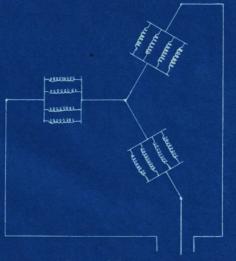


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4 POLE 3 PHASE PARALLEL STAR

Calibration of Anemometer Data.

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Test run on 10 H.P. Motor to get its temperature rise, Motor running at full load and unenclosed.

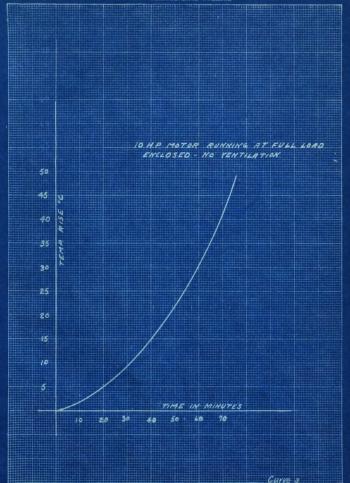
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Test on 10 H.P. Motor to get a curve of temperature rise when motor is enclosed in wall board box with no ventilation.

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Box of wall board, $30 \times 26 \times 24$ (high).



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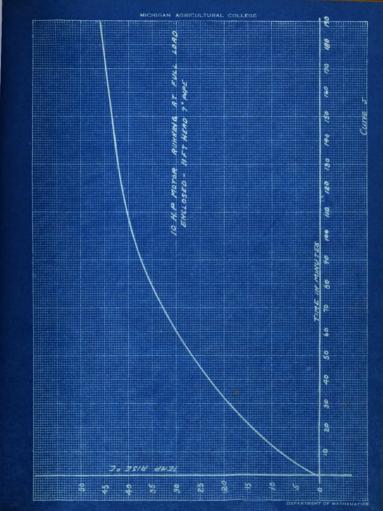
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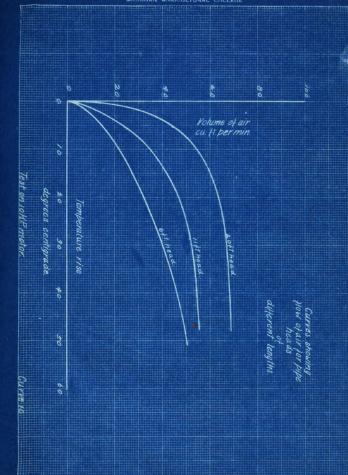
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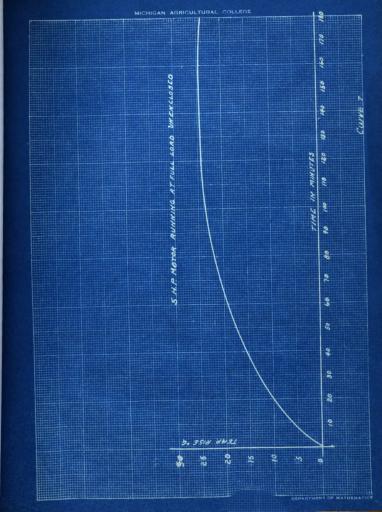
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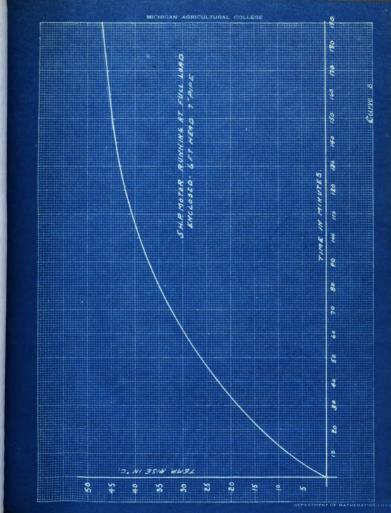
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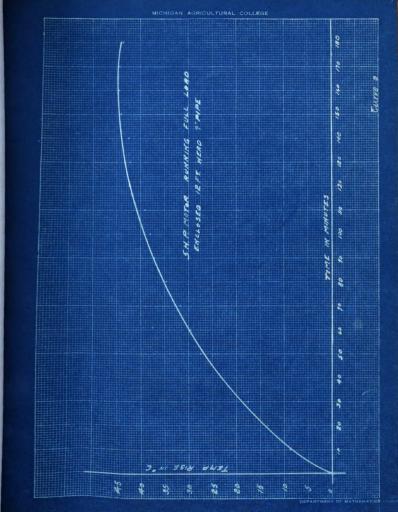
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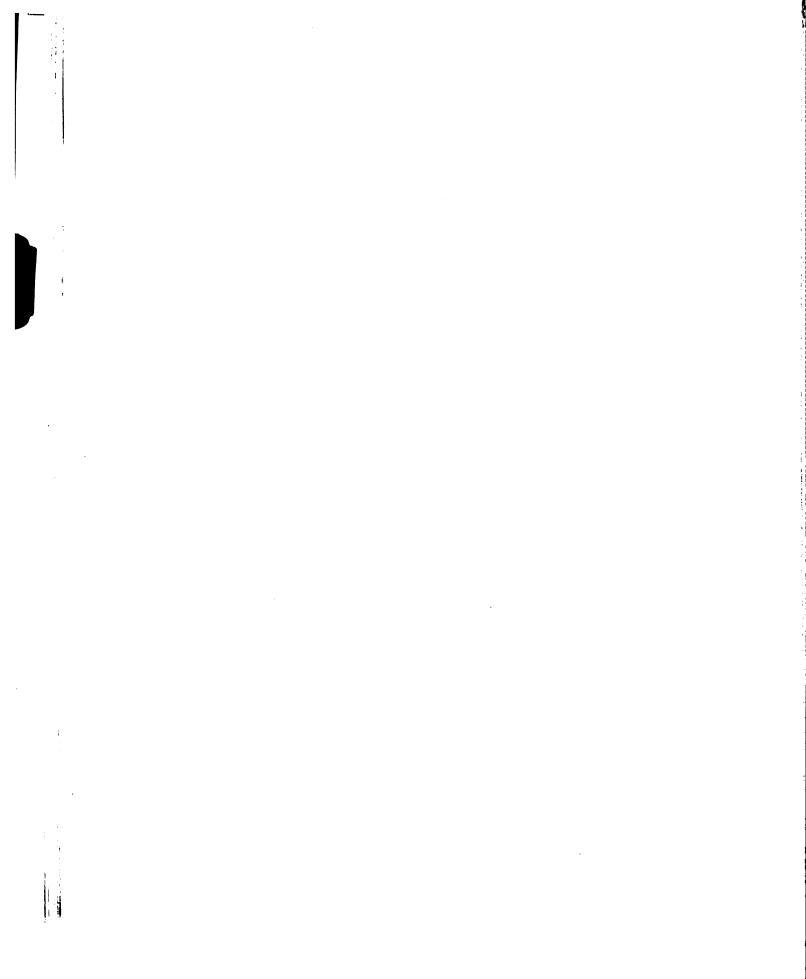
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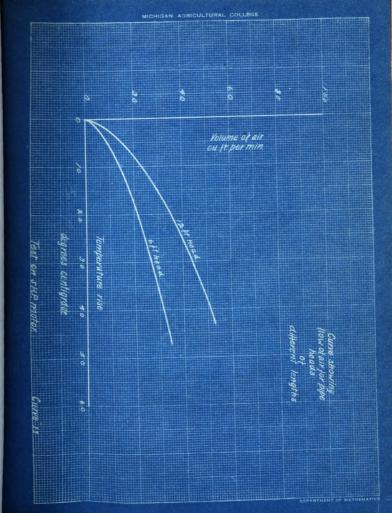
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Motors, both alternating and direct current type, are built with the windings open in a much greater number than those with the windings enclosed. This is due largely to the fact that they operate in places in which dust is not prevalent. But in some injustries, such as flour mills, grain elevators, cement factories, etc., the motors must operate in very dusty places. If these motors are not placed in rooms especially designed for them, as in the case of the steam engine, they must be housed in smaller and expensive enclosures, to be kept clean.

Such an enclosure serves a dual purpose when viewed from the insurance company's standpoint. It keeps the dust from the motor and confines the fire in sase such a misfortune happens, to the seat of its source.

The first point is an advantage because dust when mixed with an oily vapor given off from the bearings, settles on the windings and forms a very good barrier to heat radiation, due to its poor ability to conduct heat. The dust also works in between the rotor and stator requiring the motor to carry an added load dust to the friction set up by the rubbing oily surfaces.

The second point is an advantage because a fire started by a motor is very likely to start any inflammable material in the vicinity, thereby causing a much greater loss than the motor itself. Hence, if the enclosure be built of a fire-resistive material, the motor would be the only loss in case of a burn-out.

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When such an enclosure is built, it must be ventilated in order that it may run as cool as when located in the open.

The ventilation pipes must be run to the outside of the building, and whenever possible, to the same side, so that the wind-pressure would have no effect on the draft. In case it is not possible to carry both intake and outlet to the same side of the building, some means must be devised whereby the wind will aid rather than retard the draft.

When very large motors or generators are used, and must be enclosed, a forced draft may be used very efficiently, but in the case of smaller motors, natural draft must be used in order that the system may be built and operated on an economical basis.

Hence, the problem of the engineer is to find the correct amount of air necessary to keep the motor at the desired temperature rise with only the use of natural draft. In order to do this, the correct head and the correct diameter of the pipe must be known, or possibly predetermined with some degree of accuracy.

But since very little data has been published in regard to this phase of engineering, we have attempted to make a study of enclosed motors, ventilated by natural draft in order to find a means whereby the correct amount of air necessary can be calculated, and also the proper ventilation head and pipe diameter necessary to economically carry the air.

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In order to first find the natural temperature rise of the motor, it was run open, allowing the free passage of air thru the windings as was intended by the designers. This test was made mainly for the purpose of finding what margin of safety is allowed for conditions which arise, that tend to reduce its ability to operate in the manner for which it could be designed in case such conditions would not be introduced.

Then in order to find the opposite or poorest condition under which the motor may be made to operate, it was entirely enclosed, so that no air could get to it at all. This latter test shows very clearly that when operating under such conditions, it can be operated at only very low loads, or for only a short space of time.

The enclosure was then equipped with an inlet and outlet consisting of 7" galvanized iron pipe. The inlet was about two feet long and was necessary only to give the same condition as when used in actual practice, as the laws governing the flow of air through an orifice and through a pipe, are very different. The outlet was of varying lengths. Each length was decided upon with respect to the first, so that each head would give a definite ultimate temperature rise, with respect to the first. The first length was chosen merely for its convenience.

• • . The volume of air used was measured by means of an anemometer placed in the intake. Readings were taken at intervals of ten minutes as in the case of the temperatures. Because of the fact that the anemometer did not give accurate results, it was calibrated as stated previously under the head, problems met in the thesis. The results obtained by the use of this calibration, were those used in the computations for findings the amount of air necessary to absorb the heat given off by the motor.

From the results obtained, computations show the following:

Taken from the test on 10 H.P. Motor, with 20 ft. head, of the which test an ultimate temperature rise of 48 C. was obtained. But to allow for any small discrepancies which may arise, the temperature rise may be considered as being 50 C.

 $\frac{10 \times 746 \times .10}{.90} = 829 \text{ watts given off in the form of heat.}$

The motor was taken as being ninety per cent efficient which means that 10% of the energy supplied is lost in the form of heat.

- 1 B.T.U. equals 778 foot pounds of mechanical energy.
- 1 H.P. equals 33,000 foot pounds of mechanical energy, during the time of one minute.
- 33.000 = equals 42.5 B.T.U. per H.P. per minute. 778
- 1 H.P. equals 746 watts.

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Hence $\frac{42.5}{746}$ = .0569 per matt per minute.

Then .0569 x 829 equals 47.2 B.T.U.given off per minute by the motor.

According to the flow of air in pipes, the entire area of the pipe cannot be considered as carrying equal amounts over the entire area. Hence according to the direct proportion,

24* actual diameter = 7.1* actual diameter or,

X equals $\frac{7.1 \times 22}{2^{11}} = 6.5^{n}$, or effective diameter of pipe.

Actual velocity in pipe as found, equals 286 feet per minute. $\frac{285 \times \frac{1}{4 \times 5.5}}{4 \times 144} = 66.0$ cubic ft. per minute, being supplied to the motor.

.0569 x 1000 equals 56.9 B.T.U. per K.W. minute.

Then to find the volume of air necessary to absorb the heat equivalent of one K.W.:

660 x 56.9 = 79.5 cubic ft. which may be considered as 80 cubic ft.

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per minute necessary to absorb one K.W. of equivalent heat energy,

According to Harding and Willard, the specific heat of air remains practically constant between the temperature O and 150 °C. Since the specific heat merely shows the ability of one substance to absorb heat as compared to some other substance, and since the specific heat of air is practically constant, the ratio at which it would absorb heat at varying temperatures, would be an inverse ratio.

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Hence:

 $\frac{80 \text{ cu, ft.}}{x} = \frac{40 \text{ C.temp. rise}}{50 \text{ C. w}}$ or $x = \frac{50 \text{ x } 80}{40} = 100 \text{ cu. ft.}$ necessary to absorb one K.W. of equivalent heat energy at a 40 C.

temperature rise which compares favorably with results given by

the Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers.

From Harding and Willard:

 $V = \sqrt{2 \text{ gh } \frac{A-B}{A+B}}$, where A equals weight of air at outside pipe temperature and B. Equals weight of air at inside pipe temperature.

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23.90	07495
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29.40	.07356
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(Above table based on barometric pressure of 29.921").

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In order to find the effective head with the velocity and average temperature given:-

$$V = \sqrt{2 \text{ gh} \frac{A-B}{A+B}}$$

For an average temperature rise of 40°C which corresponds to the average temperature rise in the 6 ft. head, as actually found:

For an average temperature rise of 30°C. as assumed in the case of an eleven foot head:

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2 \text{ gh x } (.07567 - .06790)}{(.07567 + .06790)}} \text{ or } h = \frac{17.31}{3.48}$$
 5.0 ft., ht. of head.

For an average temperature rise of 15°C. as assume in the case of 20 ft. head:

$$V = \sqrt{\frac{2 \text{ gh x } (.07567 - .07093)}{(.07567 + .07093)}}$$
 or h = $\frac{22.8}{2.08}$ 11 ft. ht. of head.

For heads greater than 10 feet, the temperature difference becomes so low that its effectiveness drops below a practical point.

To find the correct diameter of the pipe, the following direct formula applies:-

Vol. =
$$\frac{\text{Vel. } x \text{ } \frac{4}{\pi}}{\text{D}}$$

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In tests of the 10 H.P. Motor with 6 and 11 ft. head, draft where no constant temperature was arrived at in a three or four hour run, extrapolation of the heating curve gave us the ultimate temperature.

The method is taken from Karapetoff, and briefly is as follows: Let the abscissa of the final point of the durve be \mathbf{X}_{4} and the ordinate \mathbf{I}_{4} , and their ordinates, \mathbf{I}_{1} , \mathbf{I}_{2} , \mathbf{I}_{3} , and \mathbf{I}_{4} ; Measure the ordinates and solve the equation:

$$z = \sqrt{\frac{T_4 - T_3}{T_2 - T_1}}$$

To get the ultimate temperature rise, calculate any or all of the following four expressions:

$$A = \frac{T_1}{1 - Z}$$

$$A = \frac{T_2}{1 - z^2}$$

$$A = \frac{T_3}{1 - z^3}$$

$$A = \frac{T_{1}}{1 - 2}$$

The average of the above four equations was taken for the ultimate temperature rise.

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$$z = \sqrt{\frac{51 - 47.5}{41.6 - 27}} = \sqrt{\frac{3.5}{14.6}} = \sqrt{.239} - .49$$

$$A = \frac{27}{1 - .49} = \frac{27}{.51} = .53^{\circ}$$

$$A = \frac{41.6}{1.239} = \frac{41.6}{.761} = 54.6^{\circ}$$

$$A = \frac{47.5}{1.117} = \frac{47.5}{.883} = 52.7^{\circ}$$

$$A = \frac{51}{1 - .0572} = \frac{51}{.9428} = 53.2^{\circ}$$
 Average temperature, 53.62°.

(10 H.P. Motor, 11 ft. head)

$$2 = \sqrt{\frac{44 - 41.3}{35.2 - 23}} = \sqrt{\frac{2.7}{12.2}} = \sqrt{.221} = .471$$

$$A = \frac{23}{1 - .471} = \frac{23}{.529} = 43.5$$

$$A = \frac{35.2}{1 - .221} = \frac{35.2}{.779} = \frac{45.3}{}$$

$$A = \frac{41.3}{1.104} = \frac{41.3}{.896} = 46.1$$

$$A = \frac{44}{1 - .049} = \frac{44}{.951} = 46.3$$
 Average temperature, 45.3°. (20 H.P. Motor, 20 ft. head)

$$Z = \sqrt{\frac{47 - 46.6}{42.6 - 30.6}} = \sqrt{\frac{.4}{12}} = \sqrt{.0334} = .183$$

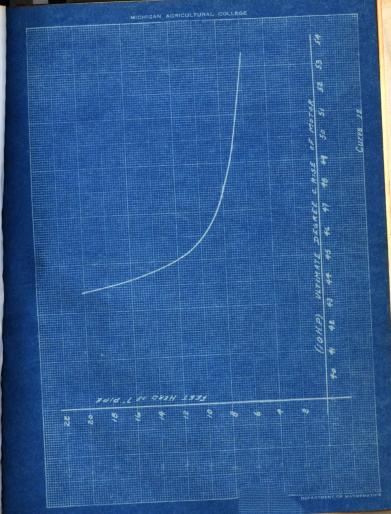
$$A = \frac{30.6}{1-,183} = \frac{30.6}{.819} = 37.4$$

$$A = \frac{42.6}{1 - .0334} = \frac{42.6}{.9666} = \frac{44}{.9666}$$

$$A = \frac{46.6}{1 - .0061} = \frac{42.6}{.9939} = 47$$

$$A = \frac{47}{1-.00111} = \frac{47}{.99889} = 47$$
Average temperature, 43.85°.

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Curve twelve in which height head is plotted against the ultimate temperature rise, shows plainly that bare metal piping is not dependable above a certain height for drawing air thru the enclosure. The draft created is due to the hot air enclosed in the pipe rising, but where a height of head is used above 10 feet, the radiating power of the piping is so great that further additions of length are not effective in appreciably lowering the temperature rise of the motor.

CONCLUSIONS.

In the past, very little has been done in regard to ventilation of motors, and consequently very little or no data is obtainable on this subject. Hence, in making the test, many problems were met, which were not anticipated, and many conditions which, before the thesis, were not considered of appreciable consequence, were found to be of great importance. Hence, due to our lack of knowledge in regard to the subject, and to the lack of time to make a second complete test, some of our results depend upon assumptions which we find to be more or less in error.

The particular case to which this refers, is to the calculation on the head necessary to give the correct flow of air. We are inclined to believe that the rate of cooling in the outlet ventilation pipe, is very similar to the cooling curve of the motor itself, but have no data to prove this.

When making the calculations, we considered the cooling in the outlet pipe as being in accordance to a straight line function which would necessarily give a higher average temperature rise in the pipe than if the other type cooling curve was used. This may be readily seen by placing Curve 2 against a light, turning the sheet top for bottom (no end for end), and looking at the curve from the back. Consider the actual ultimate Temperature

rise or room temperature, and the actual zero temperature of the curve as the maximum temperature of the pipe at a point just outside the enclosure. Consider the new abscissa as the length of pipe used, and the ordinate, as the temperature taken at equal intervals long the pipe. Then, if a straight line is drawn from the maximum pipe temperature rise at zero ventilation head, to zero temperature rise at maximum ventilation head, and an average of the ordinates taken at equal intervals, the average ordinate which corresponds to the average temperature rise is

We are fairly confident that the calculations with regard to the amount of air necessary to absorb the heat given off at various temperature rises, are correct, due to the fact that they check with results given by the Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers.

greater than the average when taken from the cooling curve as we

believe it actually exists.

As a suggestion to any others who might wish to carry the thesis further, we submit the following outline:

- f. Find the efficiency and power factor for motors from 5 H.P. to 75 H.P. at the normal full-rated load.
 - (a) Calculate the heat lost from this data.
- II. Build resistance coils to generate the same amount of heat at the same temperature rise as the motors.
- (a) One coil with taps at the proper points, is sufficient for the entire test.

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- III. Build the coils in the enclosure so that the temperature may be regulated by means of a thermometer.
- (a) Vary the ventilation so that the temperature may be made to drop.
- (1) From this data, the quantity of air necessary is found experimentally from different temperature rises.
- IV. Place thermometers at intervals of one or two feet in outlet ventilation pipe.
- (a) This will give the radiation along the pipe from which the average temperature rise of air in pipe may be found.
 - (b) By using different pipe diameters, find the radiation.
- (1) By mathematics, the radiation is inversely proportional to the square of the diameter.
- V. The velocity of air in the pipe should be measured with some degree of accuracy.
- (A) This may be done by means of an anomometer or pitot tube.
- (1) The effective diameter of each pipe should be calculated or found by experiment. This may be done as explained in the treatise on Hydraulics by Hughes and Safford, Pages 111 and 112.

If desired, insulated pipes could be used in procedure as explained under IV to find their effectiveness.

This outline, we believe, will give an efficient means of going about the test in the future, and is the outline which we would follow if we were to repeat the test.

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