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Now, the process I recommend to be employed in the exploitation of our peat bogs does not attempt to produce a chemical change in the peat substance to turn out briquettes which in every respect have the properties of coal. The process I recommend takes the peat as nature has laid it down for our use, and utilizes for the extraction of the water content the forces of nature, sun and wind, which cost nothing. This is the process employed in the manufacture of peat fuel in all the peat-producing countries of Europe. Any improvement of this process will lie in the direction of labour-saving devices.

The promoter, as we know him, the pseudo-inventor, and the fakir, are passing away, for the British Empire and the United States have declared that hereafter science and scientific methods shall be applied to the affairs of nations, and councils and commissions of able, scientific men have been appointed in these countries, to advise the Government and their people regarding the subjects to be investigated, and recommend the men fitted by training, education and experience to undertake these investigations. The educative influence these councils and commissions can exercise upon the general mass of the people should be very great, rendering innocuous the present credulous frame of mind of the people, teaching them to look for sound opinions on industrial matters to those whose training and experience have rendered them competent to speak with authority. With this change in the mental attitude of the people we may look forward with hope to the establishment of a peat industry on a sound basis in Canada, and thus insure the people against a possible shortage of fuel and the suffering it would entail.