

Ottawa, March 25th, 1908.

Sir,

In compliance with your instructions to investigate coal and lignite industries in Europe I beg to submit the accompanying report.

In this report the information collected during my visits to the different countries, as well as a large amount of information obtained from various publications on these subjects, is incorporated.

The report also includes descriptions of some of the processes used in Canada, and, whenever possible, diagrams or photos showing the construction of the machinery used and the methods employed have been secured and incorporated in the report.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. NYSTROM.

DR. EUGENE HAANEL,

Director of Mines,

Ottawa.