

OTTAWA, 14th May, 1907.

SIR,

You are instructed to proceed at the earliest moment to Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Germany, Holland and Ireland, for the purpose of studying and reporting upon the Peat Industry in these countries. It will be your duty to familiarize yourself with the methods, processes and machinery employed in the commercial production of fuel from peat and lignite and such other exploitations of peat bogs as lead to commercial products.

This examination is undertaken in the interest of the Peat Industry of Canada, and it will, therefore, be your duty also to ascertain all facts relating to costs of production; to procure photographs, drawings and plans of machinery and apparatus used; and obtain information regarding patents issued to the different inventors of processes and machinery, the countries where they have been issued and full particulars thereof.

You are further instructed to visit the Peat Laboratories of such countries as have established them, familiarize yourself with the methods employed for determining the value and class of peat, and report upon these methods and the apparatus, equipment and arrangement of these laboratories.

Yours very truly,

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