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Lignite Plans Delayed

A despatch from Ottawa says that the Lignite Utilization board, which has charge of the development of the immense lignite resources of the prairie provinces, reports to the council for scientific and industrial research that there is much preliminary work to be done before the board is in a position to begin actual output of carbonized and briquetted coal.

The research council, after investigation, reported to the government in June of last year that the utilization of the western lignites, of which there are in Saskatchewan alone, 57,000,000, 000 tons, was commercially feasible, as shown by laboratory tests. It was not, however, until last summer that an arrangement was finally consummated between the federal government and the governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, providing for the establishment of a demonstration plant at a cost of some \$400,000, and an annual capacity of 30,000 tons.

No Output Until 1920.
 The board appointed to give effect

to the proposal consists of R. A. Ross, consulting engineer of Montreal, and a member of the research council; Hon. J. A. Sheppard, of Moose Jaw, and J. M. Leamy, provincial electrical engineer for Manitoba. Owing to the fact that the authorization to go ahead with the scheme, fraught with such vital importance to Canada's fuel problem, was not obtained until last autumn, there is now little prospect of any realization of the plans for large coal mining developments in the West until 1920.

Edgar Stansfield and R. Del French, mining and chemical engineers, are now touring the United States for the board, inspecting briquetting plants already in operation there. Ultimately it is confidently expected that the West will supply its own coal for heating, lighting and power purposes, thus saving to Canada millions of dollars annually now paid for United States anthracite, giving the West coal at least two dollars per ton cheaper, and relieving Ontario and Quebec of all danger from shortage of supplies from the Pennsylvania coal fields.

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Livestock Meeting Postponed

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