

of succession, and it was doubtless to a lack of this separation, that much of the failure experienced in the attempt to obtain a first rate fuel in the early days of the industry can be attributed.

In the preparation of the litter after the living green surface with its tangled mass of shrubs has been taken off, the next three feet or so is removed, teased out and dried in the sun or by the application of artificial heat, then carefully baled and is ready for the market. The price of this varies from five to ten dollars per ton, and it is now used in all the largest and best conducted stables in the principal cities in England and in the United States. The great merits of the material for this purpose are that, in the first place it is a wonderful absorbent of all the liquid matters found in the stable, a perfect deodorizer, cleanly, and when it has served its purpose in this capacity provides a large quantity of a most excellent fertilizer for the farm, for which it also is in great demand. As there are in the country between the Ottawa and the St. Lawrence several important areas of this raw material, as well as on the east of the latter river, we have at our very doors an almost inexhaustible supply of mineral wealth, which at no very distant day, will doubtless be largely utilized, that is, after our people have become alive to the fact that there is money in its exploitation. Then when the bogs have been carefully drained and the machinery for the proper compression of the rich underlying peat has been perfected, or introduced after the model of the German machines, which should only be a matter of time and experiment, there is no apparent reason why the fuel supply of eastern Canada should not be supplied from these home localities. What that means, in view of the great extension of our railway systems and the constantly increasing demand for coal for domestic consumption and for our factories, is very clear to any enquiring mind, so that though it is true that all is not gold that glitters, it is equally true that there is gold in certain substances that do not glitter at all. It is interesting to know that within the last few months there have been many enquiries as to the extent and location of these deposits, and there is evidently a growing intention to utilize their hidden stores of wealth.

*(To be continued.)*