
From Cochrane to Tide Water, Moose Factory, James Bay

The Commercial Possibilities of Peat in Northern Ontario

"Peat as a Fuel" (says Mr. A. A. Cole, Min. Engineer, T. & N.O. Railway, in his 1917 Report on the Mining Industry, pages 15-18), "has been used for many years in Europe, but in Canada its production has never been a serious competitor with coal. With the large increase in the cost of coal to the consumer, peat as a fuel now becomes a possibility."



KESAGAMI LAKE, SHOWING PEAT CLIFFS WITH PILEARS.

"Peat bogs are known to occur at many points along the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway from mileage 38 to Cochrane. Some of them have an area of several thousand acres. Samples of some of these peat bogs were sent to Ottawa, where they were found to have a very satisfactory calorific value."

From the reports of the engineers who have investigated the coastal plain areas of the James Bay slope, it appears that vast and practically unlimited supplies of peat bogs are available as soon as transportation facilities have been provided.
