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With reference to the application of Professor McKibbin for a patent on the enrichment of peat by treatment with ammonia, I discussed the matter with Professor McKibbin this morning, and found him of the opinion that because it would be impossible to get a basic patent, the matter of securing a patent might just as well be dropped.

Apparently there is a great deal of ammonia made in Canada which is now thrown away, and this particular Huntington peat has great absorbent capacity. Professor McKibbin thinks that the product which results from bringing these two things together by a process which he has in mind would be a valuable treatment for golf courses and other places where that particular kind of fertilizer would be used.

I shall try to bring him and Mr. Purvis (Canadian Industries) together.

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