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Deputy Minister of Labour,  
O T T A W A .

My dear King:

I am in receipt of yours of June 4 enclosing letters from Mr. J. J. McCook, of New York, in the matter of the investigation into the utilization of peat.

The Department of Mines has sent Erik Nystrom, M. E., to Europe to investigate the industry there. Mr. Nystrom will make the necessary field observations and measurements, and will make himself familiar with the different processes invented in the different countries of Europe, and report on the commercial possibilities of these processes and the machinery employed. It is expected that this investigation in Europe will occupy three or four months, and on Mr. Nystrom's return he will examine what is being done on this continent.

I will then direct him to visit the operations being carried on at Ogdensburg, N. Y., and at any other point in the United States or Canada where he can obtain information that will be

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