

Gentlemen:—

Owing to lack of time I have not been able to prepare such a paper as I would like to read at this meeting. I wrote Mr. Bordollo, that there was a question of my being able to prepare a paper at all. But, I see, he has taken much for granted, and as I do not wish to shoulder the responsibility for a blank in the very interesting programme that has been prepared, I shall say a few words.

On a previous occasion I made public some of my ideas with regard to peat fuel manufacture. That paper, possibly known to some of you, was written at a time when my experience was much more immature than it is at present. Since then I have profited much by association with such men as Messrs. Nyström and Anrep of our Government staff, with Mr. Carlsson, instructor at the Royal Swedish Peat College and Peat Expert of the Swedish Government and with Mr. Lincoln, General Manager of the Canada Fertilizer Co., one of the best read men on peat that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting, and from all of these men I have learned much.

Referring for a moment to my former statements, perhaps it is sufficient to say, that the only correction I have to make is in regard to my own plant at Victoria Road, the essential feature of which was an area constructed for artificial drying. After a thorough trial and in the light of the knowledge I have gained through my association, particularly with the gentlemen from Sweden, I frankly say that I was not on the most promising track in my efforts to facilitate drying by an especially prepared wooden drying area. I am still of the opinion that such a plant, if properly installed, would pay, and pay well; for I had no measure of success at Victoria Road that was not evident to anyone but myself and those working with me, which success would have appeared greater had I not been handicapped financially during the entire progress of my experiments.

However that may be, to-day, Gentlemen, we have a complete plant for the manufacture of peat fuel right here in Canada, which in