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## Finances of Province

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advantageous terms to the province. Hon. gentlemen opposite were welcome to all the advantage they might derive from the statement that the lumbermen influenced the action of the government with respect to the stumpage rate. The reduction had been made on account of the depressed condition of the lumber industry and for no other reason. He did not come from a lumbering district, but rather than have his conduct as a pub-

lic man unduly influenced by the lumbermen of the province or by any other class of people, he would return to his home and remain quietly there.

The Valley Railway.  
Reference had been made to the Valley Railway and the hon. member who had last spoken had stated that a mistake had been made in building the Transcontinental across the province instead of down the St. John Valley. Personally he did not believe a very great mistake had been made in the selection of the route for the Transcontinental Railway. The Commissioners had certainly displayed good judgment in choosing the rising city of Moncton as a terminus. Without the Transcontinental, the transportation problem, which had presented itself during the war, could not have been nearly so well met as it had been. He would go further and say that it was a most fortunate thing for the government that the road was in operation when the war broke out. It was true that he and those associated with him on the opposition side of the House, when the Valley Railway legislation was brought down did not oppose that legislation, but they had offered amendments which, if they had been accepted by the government, would have prevented the province from having been placed in its present financial position. The then opposition believed that the road should only have been built as part of a Transcontinental system, but the government saw fit to reject the amendments which had emanated from the left of the Speaker, and which would undoubtedly have safeguarded the interests of the country. While the situation with respect to the Valley Railway was unfortunate, he was not inclined to share the pessimistic views so often expressed. The province had already received a small amount as its share of operating receipts and

the sum of \$100,000 had been placed in the estimates for the coming year. He believed the time would come when fifty miles of the road, extending north from Fredericton, would be part of a through line from Halifax to Boston. That trunk line might possibly side-track St. John, and while that would be unfortunate, it might be ne-

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necessary in the interests of business in order to get the most direct route. He believed that when that through line was established, the portion of the Valley Railway to be utilized would earn sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds. The proposal to turn the road over to the Dominion

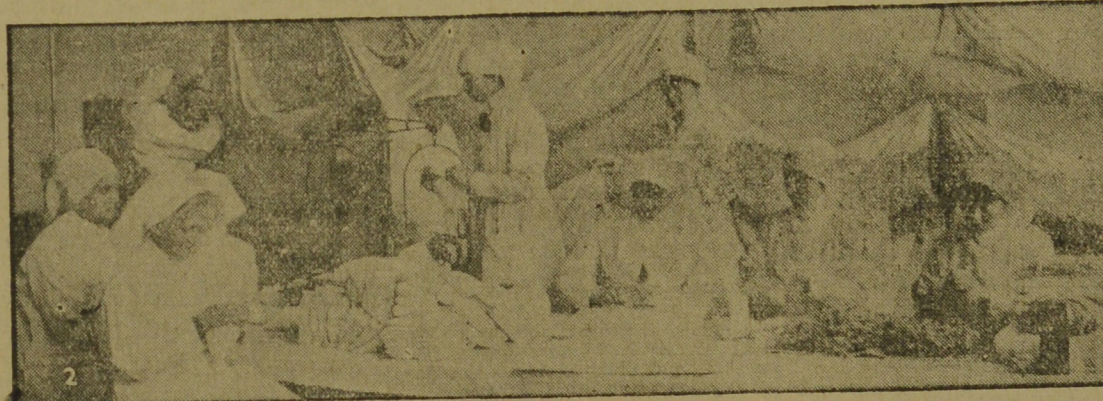
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## - Sphagnum Moss as a Dressing -



Ladies of McGill University Women's Union making surgical dressings of Sphagnum Moss.

(Reading from Left to Right)—Mrs. W. Grant Stewart, Miss V. Hamell, Mrs. E. Maxwell, Mrs. R. W. Lee, Mrs. A. E. Garrow, Mrs. A. D. Blackader, Mrs. C. W. Colby, Mrs. F. D. Adams, Miss Mitchell.



(Reading from Left to Right)—Mrs. J. Harkness, Mrs. E. E. Howard, Miss E. King, (Standing) Mrs. W. H. Butters, Mrs. F. H. Pitcher, Mrs. J. B. Porter, Miss Neilson, Mrs. Peck, Mrs. J. C. Kennedy, Mrs. C. E. Moyle.

**S**PHAGNUM Moss, to which attention has been drawn by the fatal accident to Mr. Harry James Smith, the American Sphagnum Moss expert, is one of Canada's natural resources, one great value of which has been brought to light by the war. The use of mosses in surgical dressings dates at least as far back as the Napoleonic wars, but the demand for and extensive use of Sphagnum Moss did not materialize until 1915, and even in the Spring of 1916 its use was in the experimental stage. So great has become the demand that Great Britain is no longer able to fill it, and Canada and the United States are now being actively exploited for this highly absorbent dressing.

The first effective work on this side of the Atlantic was initiated by Prof. Porter of McGill University, who secured samples of various qualities of moss from the British authorities early in 1916 and then explored the bogs of Eastern Nova Scotia until he was able to locate supplies of material which the same authorities accepted as "perfect." The first sphagnum dressings sent overseas were made up from this moss in the autumn of 1916 by the Junior Red Cross of Guysboro, Nova Scotia.

Since then the industry has developed steadily. The McGill University Women's Union established a sphagnum department in a large laboratory very generously placed at their disposal by the University Medical School in the autumn of 1916, and from that day until this has been preparing moss and shipping dressings. Another important function of this organization has been to make up experimental sphagnum dressings of many sorts to try out the different grades of Canadian material under varying conditions.

Dr. Porter to familiarize himself with the technology of the subject, established a sphagnum organization at his own expense at Arichat, Cape Breton, and collected and prepared a large amount of moss. Success in the use of this material led to the adoption of sphagnum by the American Red Cross and to the formation of a department which was placed under the control of Mr. Smith as organizer and Dr. J. A. Hartwell of New York as technical advisor.

During the last two or three months developments have been very rapid. The demand for dressings has increased to such an extent that the Canadian Red Cross has decided to start production on a large scale, and the Americans are organizing for an immense output for the use of their own and the French hospitals.

No moss can of course be procured in the east until the snow melts, and the bogs thaw out; but excellent sphagnum is also found on the Pacific coast. Mr. Smith, with the help of the Canadian Sphagnum Committee, procured a car of Vancouver Island moss early in the winter, and this carload (which Mr. Smith paid for out of his own pocket) proved so satisfactory that he went to Seattle early in March to organize the industry in the northwestern States, and incidentally to look into the situation in British Columbia for Professor Porter, who was unable to go west at the time. As a matter of fact Mr. Smith met his death while searching for moss for the Canadian Red Cross, and thus set the seal to a life of exceptional generosity and nobility.

Sphagnum grows in moist and boggy places, and can be found in almost all parts of the country; but the moss to be useful must have exceptionally full and soft foliage, and the stems while tough and elastic must be flexible, as otherwise the dressing would be liable to cause irritation.

First class material has been found coast, and equally good moss grows plentifully in the far West—as, for example, on the west coast of Vancouver Island—but little or no first class surgical material has been found far from the sea, although there are immense areas of Sphagnum bog in the interior both of Canada and the United States. The best qualities of moss are likely to be found close to the margins of the ponds, and sometimes considerable areas of clean high grade material fill what was once a

small pond. Before any attempt is made to collect moss in quantities all of the bogs in the district should be examined with a view to locating the largest supplies of good material, and this preliminary examination should be made by persons who have had previous experience in collecting Sphagnum.

Owing to the great variations in usefulness of different kinds of Sphagnum, and the fact that different species grow very much intermixed, the material has to be collected by people who have been trained to know good moss from bad, and even an experienced collector will often have difficulty in deciding just what to take and what to leave when he first visits a new locality.

The accompanying photographs show the work of the McGill Women's Union. No. 1 illustrates the preparation and drying of sphagnum and the manufacture of dressings. No. 2, the general soldiers' comforts work. The Union was organized during the first weeks of the war from among the families of the Governors and staff of the University. Its original purpose was to help provide "soldiers' comforts" for McGill graduates and students on active service, and as these now number over 2,200, the possibilities of its work may be imagined. During the three and a half years of its existence the Union has expended nearly \$8,000 on the purchase of high grade materials, which have been made up by its members into socks, caps, mufflers, pyjamas, shirts, etc., to a total of about 9,000 articles of clothing alone, to say nothing of an immense number of sphagnum dressings, etc.

The organizer and first president of the Union was Mrs. H. Walter; since then the chair has been filled successively by Mrs. E. E. Howard, Mrs. J. B. Porter and Mrs. J. W. Ross, the present President. The Sphagnum Committee of the Union was organized in 1916 under the chairmanship of Lady Gordon, and its present Chairman is Mrs. Porter. The Treasurer of the Union is Mrs. A. McGoun and the Secretary Mrs. A. Willey. Any correspondence regarding the work of the Union should be addressed to the latter; but questions relating to the technology of Sphagnum and Sphagnum dressings should be addressed to Miss S. M. Patridge, Hon. Sec. Committee on Sphagnum Dressings, Canadian Red Cross Society, care McGill University, Montreal.