

Mrs. Dyer Fell Off to 72 Lbs; Gains 33 on Tanlac

"For nearly seven years," recently said Mrs. Katie Dyer, of 27 Ralway St., Hamilton, Ont., "I had suffered from a complication of troubles peculiar to women, and finally my strength all left me and I broke down completely."

"When I began taking Tanlac I only weighed seventy-two pounds, and had been so weak and nervous for nearly two months that I had to be assisted from my bed to my chair.

TO MAKE CARBON BLACK IN CANADA

But for one of the non-metallics—carbon black—this paper might have to be printed in some other colour, and the automobile tire industry would be severely handicapped. Carbon black, a product of the incomplete combustion of natural gas, has not yet been manufactured in Canada, but the Mines Branch of the Department of Mines, through Mr. R. T. Ellsworth, of the chemical division, this season making a field study and chemical investigation of natural gas in western Canada with particular regard to determining the composition, character and gasoline content of these gases. At present natural gas containing ethane and other hydrocarbons is in great demand for manufacture of carbon black.

Carbon black is a soft, light soot, somewhat similar to the soot produced by a smoking kerosene lamp. It is, however, a product of the burning of natural gas. The flame is impinged against a metal surface, which is kept by running water, and as the soot accumulates it is mechanically removed. The chief production centres at present are in West Virginia and Louisiana, where there are tremendous supplies of natural gas. Each of the states has a stringent conservation legislation governing the use of gas. In Louisiana, before the gas may be used for the manufacture of carbon black, the gasoline content must be extracted, and in certain sections 20 per cent. of the daily output of wells is permitted to be used for carbon black manufacture. All possible efforts must be made to avoid waste in the use of the natural gas. How important the industry is in Louisiana may be judged from the fact that one company's plant consists of 180 burning houses, 114 by 12 feet.

Canada has many gas areas, some of them situated at points distant from possible domestic utilization, and it is likely, as a result of the Mines Branch's investigations, that some of these may be found available for the economic production of carbon black. The Mining Lands Branch of the De-

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