

St. Paul, Minn., October 11, 1922.

Mr. R. Budd,

President.

Dear Sir:

Yours of October 9th, about high water trouble between Mount Vernon and Burlington, Washington.

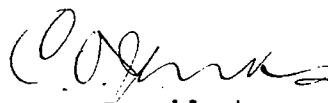
The things that impress me about this matter are:

- First - The enormous size of the floods,
- Second - The infrequency of the high water, and
- Third - The short duration of the high water.

I judge from Mr. Herzog's report that to properly take care of the flood waters means an expenditure of possibly Five to Ten Million Dollars. I do not believe we should take too prominent a part in this flood prevention work, because I do not believe we have as much to lose as the other interested parties and the danger of our pushing the matter, is that an undue part of the cost will be saddled on us, as has been the case at bridge 443.

It looks to me as if the best thing to do would be to leave bridge 36 as it is and provide an overflow channel, which would cross our track north of bridge 36. The track at this point being placed low enough to let the floods pass over it, the track being protected, as far as possible, by heavy material.

Yours truly,


Vice President.