

W. R. EWING, INC.
DREDGING CONTRACTORS
112 W. ADAMS STREET

CHICAGO Sept. 8th, 1917.

County Auditor,
Anoka, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Our contracts for digging Ditches #57 and 54 have a clause in the specifications pertaining to the smoothing of the waste banks. These waste banks are supposed to be dragged with some sort of a drag. We had the same specifications for a ditch which we dug near Hugo, Minn. and after the waste banks had been dragged or smoothed, none of the tax payers could see any benefit from having this work done, nor could we.

If it were possible to take teams and distribute the waste banks over a sufficiently large area, it would be a benefit to the land, no doubt, but to simply take the dirt and drag it over the top of the waste banks, it is of no benefit to anyone. The people whom the writer has talked to, feel that it would be simply a waste of money.

Inasmuch as it is very difficult to get teams and practically impossible to get any men, we feel that if we would turn the money which it would cost us to do this work, back to the County, it would be a real benefit to them. We are, therefore, making you a proposition of returning One Thousand Dollars to the County and be released from doing this leveling of the waste banks on Drainage Ditches Nos. 54 and 57, to be divided in proportion to the linear distance of each ditch.

Yoursvery truly,

W. R. EWING, INC.

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