

Rochester
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Dear Mr Carlsm:

Thanks for letter 21st.

as a matter of law necessity for cleaning
ditch already decided,

I undergo operation for cancer ^{upper bowel} Wednesday.
Maybe ditch won't matter much
after that

If cleaning will do the business think
my assessments o.k. My land is
not drained. now. ditch "back fires";
seepage spoils much otherwise
valuable land.

Why not get opinion from atty general,
in view of previous finding by Board.

Manifestly, I can't appear May 26th,
am not so sure I'll appear any place
but \$98⁰⁰ per year is cheap for drainage.
Will be glad to pay clerks for statement.

Sincerely
Ernest A Michel.