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Several of the farmers in this locality, with myself, took steps this summer to procure an outlet for the drains which we purposed digging on our farms. The Township Council employed an engineer to take the levels and make an assessment, at a cost of \$200. On the 24th of August a meeting of the persons directly interested was held, when a vote was taken and the scheme was rejected by a vote of 13 to 9. The cost of the whole system of drains was upwards of \$3,000, my share being \$453, or fully one-eighth; against this I made no protest, for I considered that the outlay would pay me. Now what am I to do? I cannot afford to shoulder the cost of the whole drain. My farm is rated at \$12,000. Would it pay to leave a large part of it unproductive for the want of drainage? Every acre made more productive is a distinct asset in the wealth of the country. Governments sometimes undertake the reclamation of tracts with a view to adding to the wealth of the state, then why should private individuals be suffered to keep their neighbors' lands in a state of unproductiveness? Must I remain without an outlet for the excess of water in my land until my neighbors become generous enough to begin draining and thus relieve the situation? At the south-eastern corner of my place where the side-road and the concession allowance intersect, there is a pond cut into four parts by the crossing of the roads. Here the water coming from the high lands, rising towards the east, submerges the land about the corners during a large part of the year. This bog, in my opinion, is a menace to the health of people living in the vicinity, besides breeding millions of mosquitoes during the summer months. In the spring season, although the road-grade is high, it overflows, making the highway well-nigh impassable.

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Ans.—The construction of this drain in question must come under the Municipal Drainage Act, as the cost for same is in excess of \$1,500. Section 3 of this Act, specifies the requirements necessary to the commencement of the work, and says: "Upon the petition of the majority in number of the resident and non-resident persons (exclusive of farmers' sons not actual owners), etc., etc." Section 18 of the same Act, allows for the withdrawing or receiving signatures of any parties, unfavorable or favorable, to the execution of the work. Understanding these two sections herein given in brief, Section 20 of the Act explains your case.

"Should the petition at the close of said meeting of council contain the names of the majority of the persons shown as aforesaid to be owners benefited within the area described in such petition, the Council may proceed to adopt the report and pass a by-law authorizing the work, and no person having signed the petition shall, after the adoption of the report, be permitted to withdraw; but if after striking out the names of the persons withdrawing, the names remaining, including the names, if any, added as provided by Section 18, do not represent a sufficient number of owners within the area described to comply with the provisions of Section 3, then the persons who have withdrawn from the petition shall, on their respective assessments in the report, with one hundred per centum added thereto, together with the other original petitioners on their respective assessments in the report, be, pro rata, chargeable with and liable to the municipality for the expenses incurred by said municipality in connection with such petition and report, etc., etc."

The majority going against the report, that object is effectually quashed, and you must now bring before the Councils and your Representative, the menace to health and roads that exists in the undrained lands or ponds. Outside of this recourse you have none, so far as we can see, and it will probably be a long time before contiguous land-owners will drain for any philanthropic purpose.

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