by the party or parties making such service or services, and the manner in which the same were effected.

Sec. 576 (49 Vic., chap. 37, sec. 27). For the amendment in sec. 27 read and until he obtains a sufficient outlet for such water so that no lands shall be flooded thereby without the written consent of the owner or owners, and in every such case to charge the lands and roads to the same extent and in the same manner as is provided by the next succeeding section of this Act.

Farmers in Ontario have now arrived at the conclusion that to make farming pay it is necessary to have their farms well and properly drained, and that must be accomplished in the most inexpensive manner. To do which the drainage laws must be put in such a shape that farmers as well as engineers and lawyers will understand them and know where, when and how they may have any of their grievances alleviated.

We trust that you will make a point of having this circular laid before your and have their answer forwarded

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## DISCUSSION.

Mr. Proudfoot—The amendments to the Act which we proposed to send to the different municipalities were just the same as were proposed last year, but they were not carried through the House as there were too many lawyers there. I think these same clauses were brought up last session. The clause about changing the court of appeal to three competent persons under the Ditches and Watercourses Act or to the County Judges I have always thought would be a good one, as many judges don't care to have to deal with it. If people were appointed right on the ground to examine the cause of complaint it would be much more practical.

Mr. L. Bolton—In reference to changing the court of appeal I think it would be advantageous if you got a judge favourably inclined to the engineer.

Mr. Kirk made a suggestion about amending the Bill and as to conferring more power on engineers as to repairing drains, etc. The Act was framed to provide for drains to be constructed, and to prevent bad feeling between neighbours. It is proposed by this Bill to give them power to discharge the water.

Mr. Gibson—It appears to me that the trouble is this—for any natural flow of water I think the common law is sufficient to make them let it off, but by the proposed Ditches and Watercourse Act it