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5th August, 1922.

Hon. Arthur Meighen,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir;-

I am taking the liberty of writing you concerning a matter of vital importance to Portage la Prairie.

You will perhaps remember that in the spring of 1908 the Dominion Government had a ditch dug to take care of the surplus water during the spring freshet season. I am enclosing a map which will convey to you the position in which this City is placed today because of the work done at that time.

You will note that this ditch cuts off the horse shoe extending down to the O'Reilly property at Pratts Landing and that the City sewage disposal outlet enters the river at the extreme end of this horse shoe. What was merely a ditch in 1908 is now from two hundred and fifty to three hundred feet wide. It has gradually become deeper and wider through the action of the water and is now absolutely the permanent river bed. The old river bed around this horse shoe is perfectly dry, and as a result our sewerage is simply running out on the dry sand of the river.

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