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CHIEF ENGINEER'S OFFICE.

Ottawa, September, 23, 1922.

MEMO FOR DEPUTY MINISTER-

With reference to the letter from the Secretary-Treasurer of the City of Portage la Prairie, dated August 4th, last, in file 7173-IB, concerning the City's sewerage outlet into the Assiniboine River, I beg to transmit herewith, for your information, a report dated the 23rd ultimo, from Mr. District Engineer St-Laurent on this subject;

It is to be noted that in 1921 very little water pas sed through the bend of the river into which the sewerage is deposited and that this year, 1922, it was sbolutely dry. It is further stated that the bend is silted up to a large extent and that the river may naver again flow through the channel.

The estimated cost of constructing an extension to the sewerage system across the river bend is \$65,000.

The canal in question was cut in the Fall of 1908 and hav given good results in relieving conditions on the Assiniboine River during flood periods. As our records do not show that the City of Portage la Prairie made any protest against the cutting of this channel I would recommend that a copy of the District Engineer's report be sant to the Secretary-Treasurer and that he be advised that the Department will not assume the cost of extending the Sewerage outlet pipes to deep water.

Sgd. A. St. Laurent

Chief Engineer.

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