

Sewerage is now emptied on the dry bed of the river and is a nuisance as well as a menace to health of the public. It is claimed that these existing conditions are due to the action of the Department in making this canal in 1908 and that the Department should entirely stand for the necessary expenditure in extending the sewer pipe to the river as shown on plan and marked A.C. or in building a Disposal Plant at the present sewer outlet. The Council are not in favour of a Disposal Plant as it would increase the cost of maintenance which it is alleged is already too high.

The sewer pipe extension would cost approximately \$65,000. and line A. C. although crossing the old river bed would be preferable to A. B. as the natural slope is more pronounced, and the land cleared.

The City of Portage at the present time are maintaining two pumping stations and 3 sewers ejectors.

For the present, I will not go into details as to the present sewerage system at Portage as the question to be settled is whether the Department is responsible for the present conditions and if so, as to what extent.

If necessary for this Department to take action, the question of relieving existing conditions could then be taken up in detail and suitable scheme worked out in conjunction with officials of Portage la Prairie.

All of which is submitted for your consideration.

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