

BAY RIDGE IMPROVEMENT
LONG ISLAND RAILROAD

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My dear Mr. Luthy,

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I returned from Eagle Lake Tuesday last after having left the family there in good shape. Tom is not with us this year, he having preferred to take life easy on his farm for the summer tho we expect him to do the closing up etc. this fall. Tom is getting old & showing it badly and tho he can see to some extent with the eye that was operated upon yet it worries him quite some. Perhaps the summers rest will do him good.

Now for the Lake story. The Lake is about 28" lower now than ordinary low water & is still going down. We can at present just get into all our float houses & also the major float house, that is we can get in enough to land & then fill the floats in the rest of the way on the ledge. To get

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My father in & out of the motor boat is a task
+ a half and if the lake goes down much
further ~~of~~ it will be well nigh impossible.
The landing has a temporary step added
so that it is possible to get the front end of
the motor boat up to it.

I doubt if it is possible to into Hurd's
boat house at all for a rowboat can just
land at the extreme edge of his landing.

A row boat can land at your landing
and it is just possible for the motor boat to
land here at present.

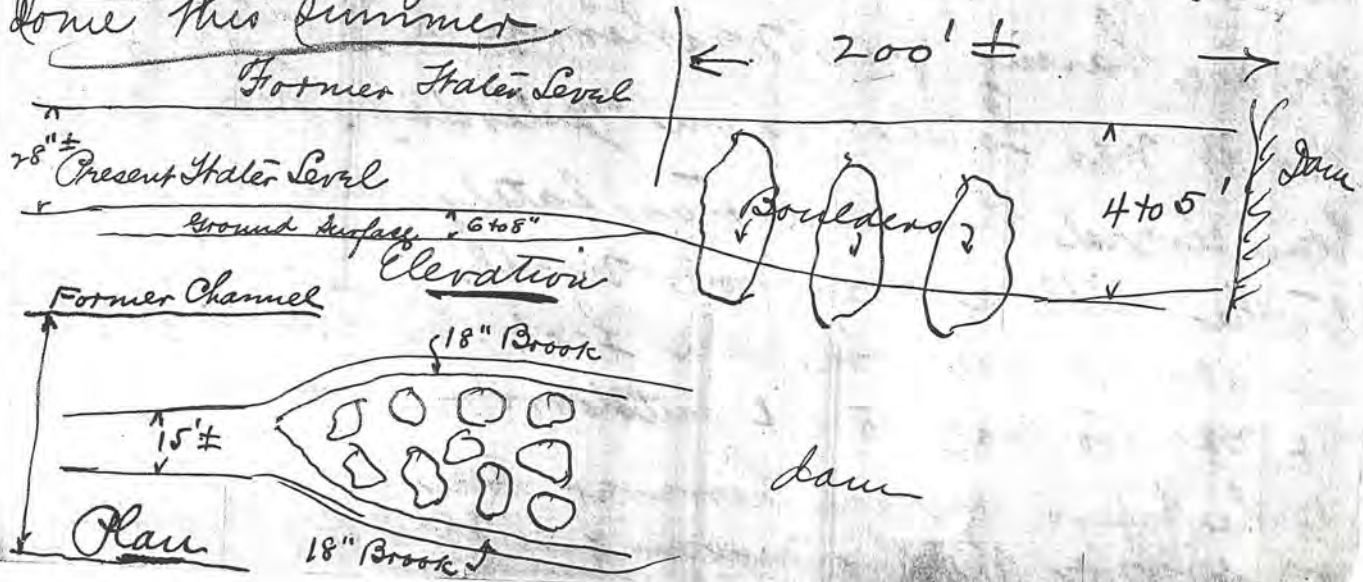
Thought always floats are high & dry and you
cannot get within 15 ft. of them with a rowboat.

Flint's boat house has about 10 ft. of dry land
in front of it. I did not examine the boat-
houses on the other side of the lake but imagine
they must all be in the same condition.

It is impossible to get thro' the bridge near
the house Fay and there is a ledge 12" to
18" above water all the way across.

I think Fitzgerald's boat house O.K., of course
it will make a big step down into the
boats. I made a trip down toward the Dam.

in a flat bottom row boat all alone. After getting once started thro the former lily pads there is nothing left but a 115 ft. channel + so shallow that several times I got stuck + had to push my way thro the mud. It is impossible ~~the~~ to get within 200 ft. of the dam as the water there is from 4 to 5 ft lower and the boulders sticking up present a pretty picture tho necessarily an aggravating one. Two small brooks about 18" wide lead from this point to the dam. Sorry to say I did not find opportunity to walk to the dam. Naturally the rest of the former lily pads is nothing but mud now and will probably make a good breeding ground for mosquitos and no doubt will smell some this summer.



By means of these two rough sketches you can probably easier understand the condition near the old dam. I had a short talk with Peter Flint in N. Y. yesterday & he tells me that he has the \$25 from the Farmer's Trust Co. has also the necessary affidavits and that he is going before Judge Goff to-day ^{June 12-13} or to-morrow to ask for a writ returnable at the Special Term of Supreme Court in Essex Co. July 3rd for Newton to show cause why the old dam should not be immediately replaced pending settlement. This may not be the exact legal phraseology but is as I understood it. Hence I suppose we shall have to wait to at least July 3rd for any relief in the matter. We are having fine weather in N. Y. City now tho it was fairly warm yesterday. There have been several thunderstorms lately and they together with a very cool north wind, made it almost too cool, in fact for two nights it was too cool to sit outdoors - According to the papers we are however due for a Real Hot Wave tho this morning is very comfortable

and only 75° at present in the office.

We had splendid weather at the Lake, neither too hot nor too cold. Monday last it rained 3/4 of the day but not hard enough to stop our fishing. On Thursday last it rained hard all day so that we had a splendid trip on the train on Friday making the roads heavy going from Tie up -

My father, on Sunday, insisted on Dr. Turner coming up to see him tho there was nothing the doctor could do so we had him come up just to satisfy my father. Dr. Turner was very much surprised at the condition of the Lake and said Mr. Newton was a very good friend of his & when he got back to Tie he would read Newton the riot act & ask him if he was crazy altogether as Newton was ruining the whole lake, his own property included. Well must close now.

With best regards to you & Mrs. Luthy
I remain sincerely yours
Albert Gunga

P.S. Am trying hard to get the folks to take some pictures but so far has not succeeded. are