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Demolition of
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My dear Latty:

Cass Pease has just informed me that Mr. Newton, the new owner of the old Harris place at the foot of Eagle Lake has just pulled out the old dam on his property, thereby lowering the lake 3 1/2 feet, so that Cass can walk dry-shod between hotel pier & the lake. He calls the action outrageous & wants me to interest myself at once, which I shall proceed to do in the most thorough manner both as property owner & member of the Bar.

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I will gladly represent you or any other property owner friend there in the coming demand for our rights.

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Cass tells me that Mr. Wickes is waiting to learn the wishes of property owners before looking up the question. It is rather strange that he did not prevent this unfortunate action of Mr. Newtons, by means of a motion or writ of mandamus when a Court order or writ would have prevented same. It may be that Mr. Wickes' relations to T. Pulp & Paper Co are those of attorney & that he does not wish to offend that corporation by his strenuous towards a stockholder like Mr. Newton who is active in wood & pulp forestry work.

At any rate, as law member of our Comm. on Fisheries & Game, I shall present our case to Conservation Commission, Mr. Bean & Mr. McKim at once & find out what will be done to a landowner who deliberately defies the order of the Commission for the erection of a permanent dam, by pulling down the one there was

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thereby causing immense damage to all riparian
owners who have hitherto been compelled by the
existing structure, to erect their boat houses, build
piers & landings in conformity with the water
conditions made necessary by this dam.

It is probable that Mr. Newton pulled down
the dam foolishly thinking that by so doing he
could avoid the expense of erecting the one or-
dered by the Commission last Summer & would

claim that he did not want any dam maintained
there at all. He will find, however, that he is
wrong on this law & that it is too late now to save
himself by demolition. Outside of the State Order,
he must pay every dollar's expense put upon
members of our Association by reason of his
reckless act.

The question of uncovered & polluted
shores & the breeding of swarms of dangerous
mosquitoes thereon should be immediately
brought to the attention of the State Board of
Health. Whether Mr. Wilkes may feel like

bringing against his friends or clients in T. I. will
have no effect on me & I shall take instant
steps to protect my own property & that of clients
who have already asked me to do so.

Let me know by return mail what you
propose to do, & communicate with Mr. Ford.
I am very busy now with various professional matters & cares,
including the formation (my own idea) of a College Men's Orchestra
along with Pailson & others. The Orchestra will start off with at least
50 seasoned players. Yours for Eagle Lake & High Water
Peter Flint

Am. Am on 8 + same E.L.P.C. Apr
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