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FROM
91 N. PEARL ST.
ALBANY, N. Y.

Mr. Edmund O. Luthy,

Cincinnati,

P.O. Box 232.

Ohio.

Dear Sir;

I have your letter of the 29th ult., On receipt of the letter from Mr. Pease last Wednesday I went to the Lake and spent Thanksgiving Day there. In the morning I visited the dam and found that the timbers supporting the dam immediately in front of the bridge had been cut out with an axe. This must have been done at different intervals, as it seems to me an impossibility to have cut out the lower timbers until after the water had subsided. There is now quite a current running through the opening.

I believe that the water has lowered, in the immediate vicinity of the dam, about two or two and one-half feet below its lowest level of last summer, but as there is more or less obstruction to the current between the dam and the main Lake, the main Lake has lowered only about a foot below low water of last year, and it is possible that it will go down another foot or more if the dam is not repaired.

Thanksgiving Day was quite cold at the Lake but in spite of this there was quite an odor caused by the decayed vegetable matter which is exposed in the shallow places around the Lake. Thanksgiving evening I saw Mr. A. Weed and Mr. Wicks at the Burley House in Ticonderoga. They had not seen Mr. Newton, but Mr. Wicks said that he would call on him Saturday and find out just where the matter stands and report to me. At this writing I have not heard from him.

It was rumored that Mr. Newton intended to place a saw mill at the end of the Lake to cut up a few logs in the Spring. Mr. Wicks thought this was not the case. No one seems to know positively that the dam was cut out at Mr. Newton's pleasure, but it seems probable that this was the case. It is possible that something has been said or written to Mr. Newton regarding his repairing the dam, and that he has resented the matter,

Last Wednesday afternoon I visited Mr. McKimm at his office, The Conservation Commission, and he showed me some correspondence which he had been having with Mr. Newton, and it appeared to me that Mr. McKimm was being ignored by the owner of the dam. Mr. McKimm also stated that it was his opinion that the level of the Lake could not be raised without the consent of the State, but that there was no law to compel the owner of the dam to maintain same.

but if he destroys it can he not be compelled to replace it.

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As soon/I hear from Mr. Wicks, I will let you know, and see what can be done. Mr. Wicks was of the opinion that something should be done to re-build the dam immediately, and that we should raise funds for this purpose, provided of course that his interview with Mr. Newton tends to make this practical. I think that Mr. Wicks is right in this matter.

It seems to me that a wooden dam, put in the same as Mr. McKimm suggested would be entirely practical, as it would probably last during our life time. It would probably be impractical to put in a concrete dam before high water in the Spring.

yes

What protection have we from the CCC if we replace it?

Very truly,

WSL:WAK.

J. S. Lodge

- Wicks 10-*
 - Fitz 10-10*
 - Rings 10-10*
 - Hande 10-*
 - Lawson 10-*
 - Conrad 10-*
 - Lodge 10-*
 - Lutty 10-*
 - Ways 10-*
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