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To Hurd

Inclose ypu copies letters just received from Mr Lodge and from a friend of mine, who, disinterestedly, at my request, conferred with the Conservation Commission in re- Eagle Lake Dam and the latter fully explains what we are up against.

As you will see, the situation is complicated and in my mind, warrants considerable discussion and deliberation among those interested, before action is taken..

According to my friend's report, it looks as though we will ultimately be " up against" the expense of reconstructing the dam, whether we take legal action or not; i.e.-- the C.C. will eventually serve an order on us to restore the dam, in order to conserve the fish.

There is no question in my mind now, as to their favoring Newton, for the purpose of furthering their scheme to have a new dam built, which I believed to be their plan right along.

If we went into court I believe a decision would be given in favor of the C.C. for an order to reconstruct the dam, and that is just what the C.C. want us to do.

Would be pleased to hear your views, after reading the report from the commission?

By Lodge's letter you can see he will not take the initiative as V.Pres't of the Association. He states his attitude toward Flint, plainly, and while "it might be better" to get a lawyer where the court meets" he does not, himself, seem disposed as V.Pres't. to do this but calmly offers a limited contribution to me as Sect'y when I have no authority to act for the Association, such power being vested in the Pres't and V.Pres't.

I believe it would be best for us to let the matter drop; let the dam " sleep awhile" and await further developments. What think you?

very truly yours,



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