

Cin'ti, O., April 11, 1914

Dear MR. Lodge:-

I have your letter of 8th inst., and agree with you that, while allowing the matter of the dam, ^{rest,} to keep a weather eye open so others may not take advantage of us.

As you say, it appears that N. & F. had in view making a few dollars out of the summer residents at the lake and I am glad you discouraged their proposition, by making known the details.

I rather think from their last letter to you that they are trying to overcome the feeling that they were working us in a "hold-up" and I have reason to believe they sent a copy of that same letter to the C.C. so as to maintain their standing.

Do you think there could be a collusion between N. & F. and some of those connected with the C.C.?

On the other hand it seems that their expectations for profit on Lot 41, by endeavoring to force us to buy after their destruction of the dam, to be too small a matter to contemplate.

It lately occurred to me that they may have some other object in view, such as to sell their lot to the Sanford R.R. Co. for a separator site or for the use as an ore-tipple or re-loading station.

When I sent you the "copy" in my last letter I felt that you as V.Prest, should be fully advised as to the matter in question.

I am glad to hear that you appreciated my sending you those papers, for I sent them with the same frankness with which I would, myself, welcome advice from you under similar conditions.

very truly yours,

Edmund O. Lusk
Secretary