

Manitoba Road - Ditching

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Hill to Christopher Steenerson, Fisher, Minn.
"The matter of opening the channel of Sand Hill River is by no means a new one to me. We undertook some three or four years ago to open up both the Sand Hill and Wild Rice rivers, and, after spending several thousand dollars and getting the work well under way, we found ourselves the object of several suits for damages at the hands of parties whose lands were benefitted by the better drainage facilities. Those suits were tried before local juries and verdicts were given against our Company for extravagant sums (I think \$27,000)."

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