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Jan 29/12

Dear Mr Heard:

Have your favor of 26<sup>th</sup> inst incl ck payment  
see which I receipt with same

As to the matter of the dam at Eagle Lake, I have  
been having some negotiations with Mr Weston & Mr Ferris  
who is joint owner or tenant in common of the lot on which the  
dam is located. They have promised to let me know what  
they will do & with the rest they have agreed to name a price  
which they will take for the lot, but they have not yet done so.

The case is one of considerable difficulty. The legal  
questions involved are complicated. It is hard to tell just  
what the legal rights of the shore owners are. The dam is  
on land that belongs to Weston & Ferris. It was built originally  
by former owners of this lot for their private purposes (although I understand it was rebuilt by Mr Ferris after  
he bought the lot for the purpose of maintaining the  
water in the lake at the level where it has been  
for some years.

I have had some conversations with Mr Alden & with Mr.  
Smith about the matter. As soon as I can get something  
definite from Weston & Ferris, we will do our best to get things  
settled to the shore owners. I am in hopes to get the matter in  
some definite shape before Spring. Yours sincerely  
FBW.