

Provo Reservoir Company \*  
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vs \* 2888 Civil.  
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Provo City et al \*  
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Provo, Utah, May 26, 1915.

Provo Reservoir Company, Provo City, Provo Bench Canal & Irrigation Co.,  
West Union Canal Company, East River Bottoms Water Company, Upper East  
Union Irrigation Company, Lake Bottom Canal Company, Little Dry Creek  
Irrigation Company, Fort Field Irrigation Company, Timpanogus Canal  
Company.

Gentlemen;

On April 13, 1915 I made application to the Utah Agricultural  
College, through the Utah County Agent Mr. A. B. Balantyne, for aid to the  
Water users of this section of the Provo River in determining proper  
amounts of water to use. My object in soliciting the help of the College  
is to get unbiased information, and to avail the farmers in this section  
of the wide experience of men particularly acquainted with this line  
of work

I did not anticipate that this work could be completed in a season  
but even a beginning would be of great value in the trial of the case,  
and would probably be the means of showing to the Court and also to the  
parties interested that a final decree is not advisable until satis-  
factory basis is determined and a logical conclusion reached.

By letter of May 8th. the College declined to enter into this contro-  
versy, I again wrote Mr. Balantyne, urging the matter and stating in  
view of the fact that this case was going to trial Nov. 1, 1915, it was  
imperative that some beginning be made, at this date I have received no  
reply to my last letter.

I advise you, it is very necessary that a systematic investigation  
be made, and that a substantial number of experiments be made, and that  
the predominating soils should be tested before and after irrigations  
for the moisture content. With the present prospects of a low water  
supply, my time is nearly all occupied in distribution, I expect to also  
make measurements of transmission losses in canals, and if you desire I  
will make soil moisture tests of the principle characteristic soils  
under irrigation from the Provo River in the Utah Lake Valley, however if  
this work is carried on very extensively it will add some additional  
expense, I desire to be fair in this matter and I therefore advise you  
to have this work done thoroughly, and covering the months of June, July  
August and September.

My intent by this letter is to get your desires and views on this  
matter-- Do you wish this office to direct a series of tests to deter-  
mine water requirements of soils under your respective canals, actual  
observations in irrigation, and the necessary soil moisture content  
determinations.

I desire to hear from you regarding this matter, by letter in dupli-  
cate, by June 1, 1915, and in case I do not receive reply by June 5 1915,  
I will assume you do not care to enter into this work or to have this  
office take up this line of investigation.

You are advised, I have posted daily on "Mean Provo River" the dis-  
charge of the 1915 river, and each day of measurement a sheet is made out  
showing in detail amounts of water found in canal and the amount distr-  
ibuted, all records pertaining to this work are open for your inspection.

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Your suggestions regarding distribution will be given due consideration, and your cooperation in the solution of the problems appearing this season will be appreciated.

Truly,



Commissioner Provo River

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