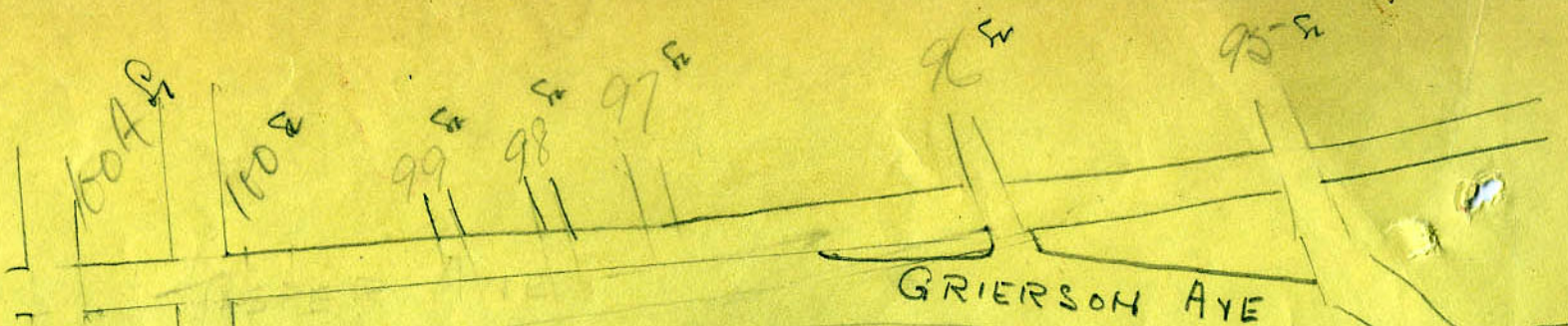
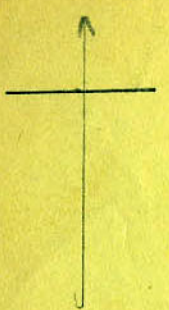


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Arctic Gravel

Boat house

Low level bridge

SASKATCHEWAN

RIVER



* WATER SEEPAGE
PLACARDED UNFIT FOR USE



Sept. 25, 1935.

Mr. W. R. Graham,
Chief Health Inspector,
Edmonton.

Dear Sir:

Re: Grierson St. Dump Dwellers.

Acting under your direction I made a survey of the Grierson St. Dump and beg to report as follows:


41 rude dwellings have been erected by various parties, the particulars of which will follow. Most of these dwellings are occupied for twelve months of the year. Others are used to house men who are searching the country side for employment. As far as I could find out only two of the dwellers were receiving Relief and one a small pension from the Department of Pensions (Militia and Defense). Whilst the action of the men is to be applauded for trying to remain independent, they are nevertheless living in grossly insanitary quarters, and due to the uncertainty of their water supply might easily fall victims of Typhoid and thereby endanger the health of the whole city. Up to recently they have been enabled to obtain water from a Community standpipe situated near the north end of the Low Level Bridge. This source of supply has been denied them by the City Waterworks Department cutting off the water at this point. With the exception of one man, all denied using water from the river, except for laundry purposes, stating that they obtained water from some tap. Two of their original sources of water supply, i. e. seepage water at the foot of 100 St. and 95 St. have been placarded as unfit for human use, and the dwellers have been warned not to use water from this source or from the river.

Dumping is now being carried on in an easterly direction from the Low Level Bridge along the river front and has now reached the point approximately at the foot of 96 St. As this dumping continues a large number of shacks will automatically be demolished or the sites covered. The dwellers are taking cognizance of this and some are already erecting or planning to erect dwellings further back from the river. I warned them unofficially that they probably would be required to vacate this dump in the near future.

A rough sketch is herewith attached which will give you the approximate location of each shack and the placarded water supplies.

Attached herewith are the particulars as far as could be obtained of the dwellers.

Yours truly,


HEALTH INSPECTOR.

JHB/R

Particulars of Grierson Dump Dwellers.

25th, Sept. 1935.

- # 1 Russian. 30 years old on the Dump for four years. Collecting junk. Out when called made.
- 2 J [redacted] T [redacted]. Aged 56. Danish born in U.S.A., North Dakota. Lived on dump 4 years. Just resides on dump and works out when he can get. Says he has been using water from community tap.
- 3 M [redacted] W [redacted]. Russian, 45 years of age. Has lived on the dump for 6 months with M [redacted] S [redacted], common-law wife. He is away now working on the harvest some place. She is staying in the shack and states that some man brings her water. She doesn't know from where.
- 4 J [redacted] Z [redacted]. Aged 53 and A [redacted] W [redacted], 44, Ukrainians. Lived on the dump two years. Have both lived in Edmonton for more than five years. Have never been on Relief. Did get water from community tap, but now from Artic Ice Co.
- 5 M [redacted] M [redacted], aged 63. Irish-American. R [redacted] M [redacted], aged 51, Scotchman. M [redacted] on dump 5 years and McNab 4 years. Both have had some Relief. M [redacted] subsists on proceeds of a sale of junk pickings and M [redacted] also when not at work at outside points.
- 6 Two English speaking men away at harvest.
- 7 T [redacted] L [redacted], 67, Irish. Lived on dump for 18 months, in Edmonton 23 years. Has been out harvesting. Gets water from Artic Ice Co.
- 8 S [redacted] L [redacted], 60, Norwegian. Lived on dump 12 months. Edmonton 15 years. Was in a relief camp, used water from community tap and river water for laundry.
- 9 Ukrainian man. Away at harvest.
- 10 Scotchman. Aged 27. Away at harvest.
- 11 F [redacted] P [redacted], 68. Ukrainian. Lived on dump since Spring. Uses rain water.
- 12 Ukrainian. aged 42. Out when inspection made.
- 13 Ukrainian. aged 35. Away at harvest.
- 14 Ukrainian. aged 28. Away at harvest.
- 15 H [redacted] M [redacted], aged 49. Scotch. Lived on dump four years. In Edmonton 14 years. Never on relief. Says get water from City cafe.
- 16 T [redacted] N [redacted], English, 70. Lived on dump 3 years. Has been on Relief and also at a Relief camp. Out when inspection made.

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- #17 Ukrainian, aged 30. Out when inspection made.
- 18 Scotchman, aged 40. Away harvesting.
- 19 Englishing speaking man aged 50. Down the river washing gold.
- 20 J. K. [redacted], Relief #K5/152. Russian. Edmonton 8 years. On relief 5 years. Has a home-made wooden leg. Lost his leg in Winnipeg, 17 May, 1918. The site of this shack will soon be incorporated in new dump. Has built another shack further away from the river. Says he gets water from filling station on Jasper Ave.
- 21 New residence of J. K. [redacted].
- 22 Swede, away working on the farm. Returns in the winter.
- 23 T. G. [redacted], Ukrainian, aged 57. Lived 2 years on dump. Gets water from 97 St. Chinaman.
- 24 Owned by above man and occupied by J. K. [redacted], aged 54. Ukrainian. Has lived 3 weeks on dump. 21 years in Edmonton. Not on Relief.
- 25 Bill Bokun, aged 54. Ukrainian. Has been on dump for some considerable time. Uses river water.
- 26 Jimmy? Ukrainian, aged 40. Lived 2 years on dump. Now out harvesting.
- 27 Horse stable.
- 28 Party away.
- 29 Party away.
- 30 Scandinavian, Out at harvest.
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- 36 D. O. [redacted], Norwegian, 65. Been on dump for 2 months. Edmonton 30 years. Great War pensioner, \$20. per month. Served in the 78th Overseas Battalion and was gassed. Gets water from the City.
- 37 E. L. [redacted]. Age 61. Swede. Relief #L23/152. Has lived on dump since last fall. Eats at Community Kitchen.
- 38 M. D. [redacted], Aged 55, Norwegian. Lived on dump 1 month. Not on Relief. but has just returned from Relief camp at Galloway. Uses City water.

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- #39 Norwegian. Out at harvest.
- 40 Frenchman. Aged 45. Out.
- 41 Canadian, aged 35. Out.