

**DOCUMENT 49 – LETTER OF COMPLAINT FROM R. OLIVER OF THE GREAT WESTERN
CEREAL COMPANY TO CANAL OFFICERS**

September 3, 1904

TRANSCRIPTION

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Canal Officers:-

Lockport Ill.

Dear Sirs:-

We wish to enter serious protest against the practice of parties above us throwing manure in the Canal.

This with the refuse of the gas company has been a serious inconvenience to us, as our water wheel rack is frequently choked. Damage to water wheel governor is apt to result from this constant fluctuation of the head of water.

The acid put into canal by wire plant above, causes a gas to form in our sprinkler system on upper floors of buildings, causing the heads to corrode. We have been deluged with water twice, through the building, on account of this.

We wish you would take an active stand against the above evils, for we have brought this matter up several times before, with no lasting result. It is a matter which we believe is to the interest of the Canal to remedy.

Yours sincerely

G.W.C.Co.

R. Oliver