

Q. That drought of last fall was one of the severest droughts felt here for 40 years was it not? A. It has been so stated.

Q. Water fail in springs that had it been known to be dry for 30 or 40 years right here in this city? A. Yes, so currently understood through the northern belt in this country.

Q. Do you apprehend the least difficulty that the supply of water in ^{seasons of} ordinary drought? A. If we should have a longer drought than we had last year, a good deal longer, it might be we should ~~lose~~ exhaust what we have now stored ~~assess~~; but I can say to you that there has been within the past 6 weeks more water run to waste than we ever used in a year, and that is besides having ^{all} our reservoirs full. It is a simple matter of providing some inexpensive reservoir to retain more water than could be reasonably used by two such institutions.

Q. Is that a part of the system of water improvements which has been for several years contemplated?