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# SURFACE WATER SUPPLY OF HUDSON BAY AND UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASINS, 1915.

## AUTHORIZATION AND SCOPE OF WORK.

This volume is one of a series of fourteen reports presenting results of measurements of flow made on streams in the United States during the year ending September 30, 1915.

The data presented in these reports were collected by the United States Geological Survey under the following authority contained in the organic law (20 Stat. L., p. 394):

*Provided, That this officer [the Director] shall have the direction of the Geological Survey and the classification of public lands and examination of the geological structure, mineral resources, and products of the national domain.*

The work was begun in 1888 in connection with special studies relating to irrigation in the arid West. Since the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895, successive sundry bills passed by Congress have carried the following item and appropriations:

For gaging the streams and determining the water supply of the United States, and for the investigation of underground currents and artesian wells, and for the preparation of reports upon the best methods of utilizing the water resources.

### *Annual appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1895-1915.*

1895.....	\$12,500
1896.....	20,000
1897 to 1900, inclusive.....	50,000
1901 to 1902, inclusive.....	100,000
1903 to 1906, inclusive.....	200,000
1907.....	150,000
1908 to 1910, inclusive.....	100,000
1911 to 1915, inclusive.....	150,000

In the execution of the work many private and State organizations have cooperated, either by furnishing data or by assisting in collecting data. Acknowledgments for cooperation of the first kind are made in connection with the description of each station affected; cooperation of the second kind is acknowledged on page 13.

Measurements of stream flow have been made at about 3,800 points in the United States and also at many points in Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands. In July, 1915, 1,350 gaging stations were being maintained by the Survey and the cooperating organizations. Many miscellaneous discharge measurements are made at other points.

In connection with this work data were also collected in regard to precipitation, evaporation, storage reservoirs, river profiles, and water power in many sections of the country and will be made available in water-supply papers from time to time. Information in regard to publications relating to water resources is presented in the appendix to this report.

### DEFINITION OF TERMS.

The volume of water flowing in a stream—the “run-off” or “discharge”—is expressed in various terms, each of which has become associated with a certain class of work. These terms may be divided into two groups—(1) those that represent a rate of flow, as second-feet, gallons per minute, miner’s inches, and discharge in second-feet per square mile, and (2) those that represent the actual quantity of water, as run-off in depth of inches, acre-feet, and millions of cubic feet. The principal terms used in this series of reports are second-feet, second-feet per square mile, run-off in inches, acre-feet, and millions of cubic feet. They may be defined as follows:

“Second-feet” is an abbreviation for “cubic feet per second.” A second-foot is the rate of discharge of water flowing in a channel of rectangular cross section 1 foot wide and 1 foot deep at an average velocity of 1 foot per second. It is generally used as a fundamental unit from which others are computed by the use of the factors given in the tables of convenient equivalents (p. 9).

“Second-feet per square mile” is the average number of cubic feet of water flowing per second from each square mile of area drained, on the assumption that the run-off is distributed uniformly both as regards time and area.

“Run-off (depth in inches)” is the depth to which an area would be covered if all the water flowing from it in a given period were uniformly distributed on the surface. It is used for comparing run-off with rainfall, which is usually expressed in depth of inches.

An “acre-foot,” equivalent to 43,560 cubic feet, is the quantity required to cover an acre to the depth of 1 foot. The term is commonly used in connection with storage for irrigation.

“Millions of cubic feet” is applied to quantities of water stored in reservoirs, most frequently in connection with studies of flood control.

The following terms not in common use are here defined:

“Discharge relation,” an abbreviation for the term “relation of gage height to discharge.”

“Control,” “controlling section,” and “point of control,” terms used to designate the section or sections of the stream below the gage which determine the discharge relation at the gage. It should be noted that the control may not be the same section or sections at all stages.

The "point of zero flow" for a gaging station is that point on the gage—the gage height—to which the surface of the river would fall if there were no flow.

### CONVENIENT EQUIVALENTS.

The following is a list of convenient equivalents for use in hydraulic computations:

*Table for converting discharge in second-feet per square mile into run-off in depth in inches over the area.*

Discharge (second- feet per square mile).	Run-off in inches.				
	1 day.	28 days.	29 days.	30 days.	31 days.
1.....	0.03719	1.041	1.079	1.116	1.153
2.....	.07438	2.083	2.157	2.231	2.306
3.....	.11157	3.124	3.236	3.347	3.459
4.....	.14876	4.165	4.314	4.463	4.612
5.....	.18595	5.207	5.393	5.578	5.764
6.....	.22314	6.248	6.471	6.694	6.917
7.....	.26033	7.289	7.550	7.810	8.070
8.....	.29752	8.331	8.628	8.926	9.223
9.....	.33471	9.372	9.707	10.041	10.376

NOTE.—For part of a month multiply the run-off for one day by the number of days.

*Table for converting discharge in second-feet into run-off in acre-feet.*

Discharge (second- feet).	Run-off in acre-feet.				
	1 day.	28 days.	29 days.	30 days.	31 days.
1.....	1.983	55.54	57.52	59.50	61.49
2.....	3.967	111.1	115.0	119.0	123.0
3.....	5.950	166.6	172.6	178.5	184.5
4.....	7.934	222.1	230.1	238.0	246.0
5.....	9.917	277.7	287.6	297.5	307.4
6.....	11.90	333.2	345.1	357.0	368.9
7.....	13.88	388.8	402.6	416.5	430.4
8.....	15.87	444.3	460.2	476.0	491.9
9.....	17.85	499.8	517.7	535.5	553.4

NOTE.—For part of a month multiply the run-off for one day by the number of days.

*Table for converting discharge in second-feet into run-off in millions of cubic feet.*

Discharge (second- feet).	Run-off in millions of cubic feet.				
	1 day.	28 days.	29 days.	30 days.	31 days.
1.....	0.0864	2.419	2.506	2.592	2.678
2.....	.1728	4.838	5.012	5.184	5.356
3.....	.2592	7.257	7.518	7.776	8.034
4.....	.3456	9.676	10.02	10.37	10.71
5.....	.4320	12.10	12.53	12.96	13.39
6.....	.5184	14.51	15.04	15.55	16.07
7.....	.6048	16.93	17.54	18.14	18.75
8.....	.6912	19.35	20.05	20.74	21.42
9.....	.7776	21.77	22.55	23.33	24.10

NOTE.—For part of a month multiply the run-off for one day by the number of days.



*Table for converting discharge in second-feet into run-off in millions of gallons.*

Discharge (second- feet).	Run-off in millions of gallons.				
	1 day.	28 days.	29 days.	30 days.	31 days.
1.....	0.6463	18.10	18.74	19.39	20.04
2.....	1.293	36.20	37.48	38.78	40.08
3.....	1.939	54.30	56.22	58.17	60.12
4.....	2.585	72.40	74.96	77.56	80.16
5.....	3.232	90.50	93.70	96.95	100.2
6.....	3.878	108.6	112.4	116.3	120.2
7.....	4.524	126.7	131.2	135.7	140.3
8.....	5.171	144.8	149.9	155.1	160.3
9.....	5.817	162.9	168.7	174.5	180.4

NOTE.—For part of a month multiply the run-off for one day by the number of days

*Table for converting velocity in feet per second into velocity in miles per hour.*

[1 foot per second=0.681818 mile per hour, or two-thirds mile per hour, very nearly; 1 mile per hour=1.4666 feet per second. In computing the table the figures 0.68182 and 1.4667 were used.]

Feet per second (units).	Miles per hour for tenths of foot per second.									
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0.....	0.000	0.068	0.136	0.205	0.273	0.341	0.409	0.477	0.545	0.614
1.....	.682	.750	.818	.886	.955	1.02	1.09	1.16	1.23	1.30
2.....	1.36	1.43	1.50	1.57	1.64	1.70	1.77	1.84	1.91	1.98
3.....	2.05	2.11	2.18	2.25	2.32	2.39	2.45	2.52	2.59	2.66
4.....	2.73	2.80	2.86	2.93	3.00	3.07	3.14	3.20	3.27	3.34
5.....	3.41	3.48	3.55	3.61	3.68	3.75	3.82	3.89	3.95	4.02
6.....	4.09	4.16	4.23	4.30	4.36	4.43	4.50	4.57	4.64	4.70
7.....	4.77	4.84	4.91	4.98	5.05	5.11	5.18	5.25	5.32	5.39
8.....	5.45	5.52	5.59	5.66	5.73	5.80	5.86	5.93	6.00	6.07
9.....	6.14	6.20	6.27	6.34	6.41	6.48	6.55	6.61	6.68	6.75

1 second-foot equals 40 California miner's inches (law of Mar. 23, 1901).

1 second-foot equals 38.4 Colorado miner's inches.

1 second-foot equals 40 Arizona miner's inches.

1 second-foot equals 7.48 United States gallons per second; equals 448.8 gallons per minute; equals 646,317 gallons for one day.

1 second-foot for one year (365 days) covers 1 square mile 1.131 feet of 13.752 inches deep.

1 second-foot for one year (365 days) equals 31,536,000 cubic feet.

1 second-foot equals about 1 acre-inch per hour.

1 second-foot for one year (365 days) equals 724 acre-feet.

1 second-foot for one day covers 1 square mile 0.03719 inch deep.

1 second-foot for one day equals 86,400 cubic feet.

1,000,000,000 (1 United States billion) cubic feet equals 11,570 second-feet for one day.

1,000,000,000 cubic feet equals 414 second-feet for one 28-day month.

1,000,000,000 cubic feet equals 399 second-feet for one 29-day month.

1,000,000,000 cubic feet equals 386 second-feet for one 30-day month.

1,000,000,000 cubic feet equals 373 second-feet for one 31-day month.

100 California miner's inches equals 18.7 United States gallons per second.

100 California miner's inches for one day equals 4.96 acre-feet.

100 Colorado miner's inches equals 2.60 second-feet.

100 Colorado miner's inches equals 19.5 United States gallons per second.

100 Colorado miner's inches for one day equals 5.17 acre-feet.

100 United States gallons per minute equals 0.223 second-foot.  
 100 United States gallons per minute for one day equals 0.442 acre-foot.  
 1,000,000 United States gallons per day equals 1.55 second-feet.  
 1,000,000 United States gallons equals 3.07 acre-feet.  
 1,000,000 cubic feet equals 22.95 acre-feet.  
 1 acre-foot equals 325,850 gallons.  
 1 inch deep on 1 square mile equals 2,323,200 cubic feet.  
 1 inch deep on 1 square mile equals 0.0737 second-foot per year.  
 1 foot equals 0.3048 meter.  
 1 mile equals 1.60935 kilometers.  
 1 mile equals 5,280 feet.  
 1 acre equals 0.4047 hectare.  
 1 acre equals 43,560 square feet.  
 1 acre equals 209 feet square, nearly.  
 1 square mile equals 2.59 square kilometers.  
 1 cubic foot equals 0.0283 cubic meter.  
 1 cubic foot of water weighs 62.5 pounds.  
 1 cubic meter per minute equals 0.5886 second-feet.  
 1 horsepower equals 550 foot-pounds per second.  
 1 horsepower equals 76.0 kilogram-meters per second.  
 1 horsepower equals 746 watts.  
 1 horsepower equals 1 second-foot falling 8.80 feet.  
 1½ horsepower equals about 1 kilowatt.

To calculate water power quickly:  $\frac{\text{Second-feet} \times \text{fall in feet}}{11} = \text{net horsepower on}$   
 water wheel realizing 80 per cent of theoretical power.

### EXPLANATION OF DATA.

The data presented in this report cover the year beginning October 1, 1914, and ending September 30, 1915. At the first of January in most parts of the United States much of the precipitation in the preceding three months is stored as ground water, in the form of snow, or in ponds, lakes, and swamps, and this stored water passes off in the streams during the spring break-up; at the end of September, on the other hand, the only stored water available for run-off is possibly a small quantity in the ground; therefore the run-off for a year beginning October 1 is practically all derived from precipitation in that year.

The base data collected at gaging stations (Pl. I, *B*) consist of records of stage, measurements of discharge, and general information used to supplement the gage heights and discharge measurements in determining the daily flow. The records of stage are obtained either from direct readings on a staff gage or from a water-stage recorder (Pl. II) that gives a continuous record of the fluctuations. Measurements of discharge are made with a current meter by the general methods outlined in standard textbooks on the measurement of river discharge.

From the discharge measurements rating tables are prepared that give the discharge for any stage, and these rating tables, when applied

to the gage heights, give the daily discharge from which the monthly and yearly mean discharge is determined.

The data presented for each gaging station in the area covered by this report comprises a description of the station, a table giving results of discharge measurements, a table showing the daily discharge of the stream, and a table of monthly and yearly discharge and run-off.

If the base data are insufficient to determine the daily discharge, tables giving daily gage heights and results of discharge measurements are published.

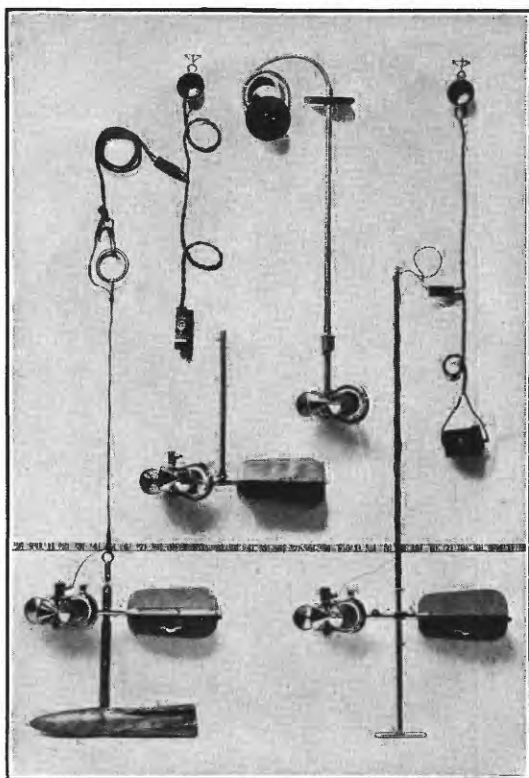
The description of the station gives, in addition to statements regarding location and equipment, information in regard to any conditions that may affect the constancy of the discharge relation, covering such subjects as the occurrence of ice, the use of the stream for log driving, shifting of channel, and the cause and effect of back-water; it gives also information as to diversions that decrease the flow at the gage, artificial regulation, maximum and minimum recorded stages, and the accuracy of the records.

The table of daily discharge gives the discharge in second-feet corresponding to the mean of the gage heights read each day. At stations on streams subject to sudden or rapid diurnal fluctuation the discharge obtained from the rating table and the mean daily gage height may not be the true mean discharge for the day. If such stations are equipped with water-stage recorders the mean daily discharge may be obtained by averaging the discharge at regular intervals during the day or by use of the discharge integrator, an instrument operating on the principle of the planimeter and containing as an essential element the rating curve of the station.

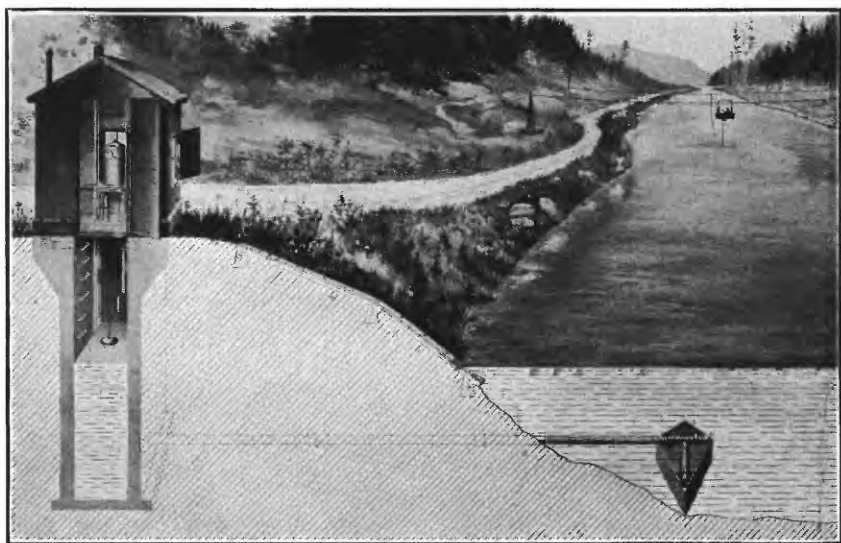
In the table of monthly discharge the column headed "Maximum" gives the mean flow for the day when the mean gage height was highest. As the gage height is the mean for the day, it does not indicate correctly the stage when the water surface was at crest height and the corresponding discharge was consequently larger than given in the maximum column. Likewise, in the column headed "Minimum" the quantity given is the mean flow for the day when the mean gage height was lowest. The column headed "Mean" is the average flow in cubic feet for each second during the month. On this average flow computations recorded in the remaining columns, which are defined on page 8, are based.

#### **ACCURACY OF FIELD DATA AND COMPUTED RESULTS.**

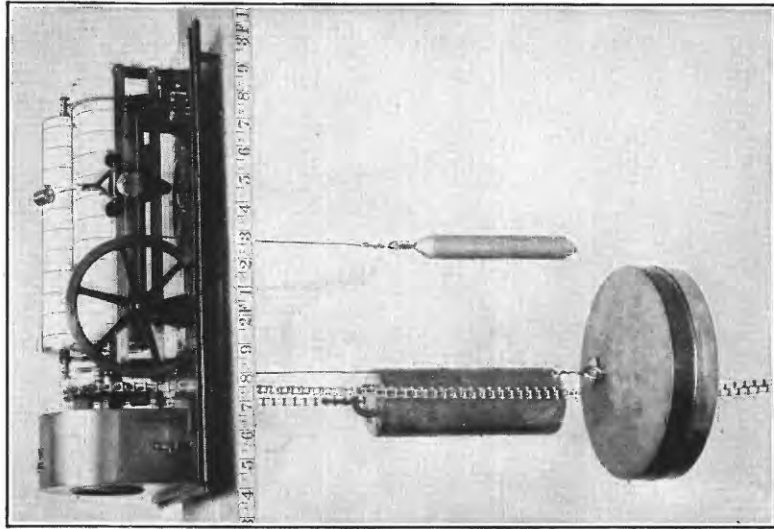
The accuracy of stream-flow data depends primarily (1) on the permanency of the discharge relation and (2) on the accuracy of observation of stage, measurements of flow, and interpretation of records.



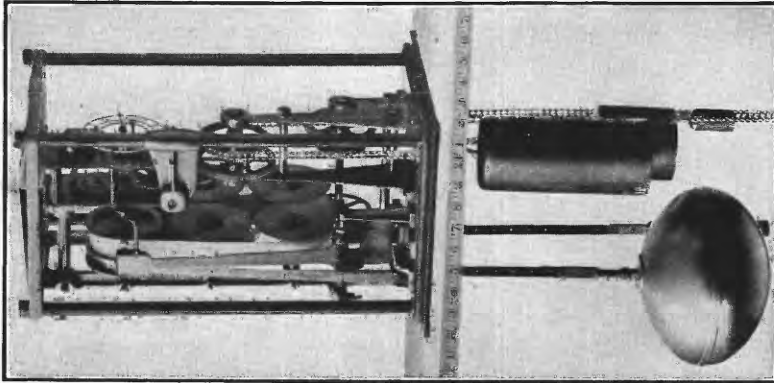
A. PRICE CURRENT METERS.



B. TYPICAL GAGING STATION.

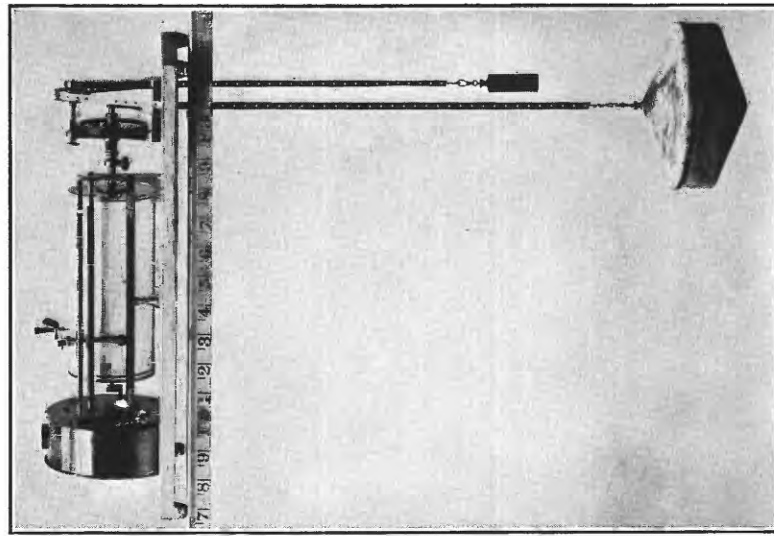


A. STEVENS.



B. GURLEY PRINTING.

WATER-STAGE RECORDERS.



C. FRIEZ.

Footnotes added to the daily discharge tables give information regarding the probable accuracy of the rating tables used, and an accuracy column is inserted in the monthly discharge table. For the rating tables, "well defined" indicates, in general, that the rating is probably accurate within 5 per cent; "fairly well defined," within 10 per cent; "poorly defined" or "approximate," within 15 to 25 per cent. These notes are very general and are based on the plotting of the individual measurements with reference to the mean rating curve.

The letter in the column headed "Accuracy," in the monthly discharge table, rates the accuracy of the monthly mean and not that of the estimate of maximum or minimum discharge or the discharge for any one day. The rating is determined by considering the accuracy of the rating curve, the probable reliability of the observer, the number of gage readings per day, the range of the fluctuation in stage, and local conditions. In this column A indicates that the mean monthly flow is probably accurate within 5 per cent; B, within 10 per cent; C, within 15 per cent; D, within 25 per cent. Special conditions are covered by footnotes.

The monthly means for any station may represent with high accuracy the quantity of water flowing past the gage, but the figures showing discharge per square mile and depth of run-off in inches may be subject to gross errors caused by the inclusion of large non-contributing districts in the measured drainage area, by lack of information concerning water diverted for irrigation or other use, or by inability to interpret the effect of artificial regulation of the flow of the river above the station. "Second-feet per square mile" and "run-off (depth in inches)" are therefore not computed if such errors appear probable. The computations are also omitted for stations on streams draining areas in which the annual rainfall is less than 20 inches. All figures representing "second-feet per square mile" and "run-off (depth in inches)" previously published by the Survey should be used with caution because of possible inherent sources of error not known to the Survey.

The table of monthly discharge gives only a general idea of the flow at the station and should not be used for other than preliminary estimates; the tables of daily discharge allow more detailed studies of the variation in flow. It should be borne in mind, however, that the observations in each succeeding year may be expected to throw new light on data previously published.

### COOPERATION.

In Montana the work was done in cooperation with the United States Reclamation Service. The station on St. Mary River at Kimball, Alberta, was maintained in cooperation with the department of the interior, Canada.

In Minnesota the work was carried on in cooperation with the State Drainage Commission, E. V. Willard, acting State drainage engineer, and at certain stations, with the following organizations: U. S. Army Engineer Corps (Chippewa River near Watson, Minn., and Minnesota River at Montevideo, Minn.); U. S. Weather Bureau (Minnesota River near Mankato, Minn., and Mississippi River at St. Paul, Minn.); Eastern Minnesota Power Co. (Snake River near Pine City, Minn.); International Joint Commission (Kawishiwi River near Winton, Minn.).

In Wisconsin the work was carried on in cooperation with the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin, C. M. Larson, chief engineer, and at certain stations with the following organizations: Wisconsin-Minnesota Light & Power Co. (Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls, Wis., Red Cedar River near Colfax, Wis., Red Cedar River at Cedar Falls, Wis., Red Cedar River at Menomonie, Wis.); Chippewa & Flambeau Improvement Co. (Chippewa River at Bishop's Bridge, near Winter, Wis., and West Fork of Chippewa River at Lessard's, near Winter, Wis.).

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## GAGING-STATION RECORDS.

## HUDSON BAY DRAINAGE BASIN.

## ST. MARY RIVER NEAR BABB, MONT.

**LOCATION.**—Near dam site one-fourth mile below outlet of lower St. Mary Lake, 1 mile above mouth of Swiftcurrent Creek, and about 2 miles south of Babb, on Black-foot Reservation, in Teton County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—177 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—April 9, 1902, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage on right bank, read twice a day during the open season and twice a week during the winter by employees of the United States Reclamation Service.

In winter months a temporary low-water gage opposite the chain gage was read.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from cable 300 feet below gage. Low-water measurements made by wading one-fourth mile above gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Control practically permanent; bed of stream composed of firm gravel and cobblestones.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 3.5 feet at 7 a. m.

July 3 (discharge, 1,330 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.67 foot March 11 and 16 (discharge, 55 second-feet).

1902-1915: Maximum stage estimated at 9.4 feet June 5, 1908 (discharge 7,980 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.0 foot April 3-7, 1904 (discharge, 20 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation not seriously affected by ice; open-channel rating curve assumed applicable.

**DIVERSIONS.**—None.

**REGULATION.**—Natural storage in St. Mary lakes.

**ACCURACY.**—Records good.

*Discharge measurements of St. Mary River near Babb, Mont., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 16	B. E. Jones.....	1.27	162	July 18	B. E. Jones.....	2.71	808
Feb. 18	W. A. Lamb.....	.77	66	Aug. 11	W. A. Lamb.....	2.36	602
June 23	do.....	3.17	1,100				

<sup>a</sup> Ice along shores; control clear.



*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of St. Mary River near Babb, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	405	396	215	114	83	64	76	600	854	1,260	680	365
2.....	386	386	215	109	82	62	76	680	854	1,260	680	476
3.....	406	386	184	101	81	60	76	794	916	1,330	653	524
4.....	426	425	184	96	80	57	79	794	980	1,260	653	574
5.....	445	425	170	92	80	58	83	854	1,050	1,260	653	524
6.....	425	490	215	86	80	59	87	854	1,110	1,180	653	500
7.....	445	515	199	81	80	59	91	794	1,110	1,180	626	524
8.....	405	515	199	78	78	59	100	794	1,110	1,110	626	476
9.....	425	515	191	74	77	59	109	794	1,110	1,110	600	476
10.....	386	468	184	77	77	55	115	916	1,110	1,050	600	453
11.....	405	490	177	80	77	55	122	1,050	1,050	1,050	600	430
12.....	377	490	170	80	76	56	128	1,050	980	980	600	430
13.....	349	468	164	80	76	56	140	1,110	980	916	574	386
14.....	367	445	157	70	74	56	152	1,110	916	916	574	430
15.....	349	425	157	59	71	55	161	1,110	916	854	574	365
16.....	367	425	170	59	70	55	170	1,110	916	794	549	324
17.....	405	405	179	59	69	55	190	1,050	916	794	549	304
18.....	425	386	189	62	66	56	219	980	1,050	794	549	304
19.....	490	386	199	66	66	56	248	916	1,110	736	524	344
20.....	515	349	184	74	66	56	286	854	1,110	736	524	344
21.....	540	368	199	78	66	56	324	794	1,110	680	524	365
22.....	540	386	199	80	65	57	386	794	1,110	653	524	386
23.....	515	367	170	83	66	57	430	736	1,110	653	500	365
24.....	540	349	184	84	66	57	476	736	1,050	680	500	365
25.....	515	331	164	84	66	66	500	736	1,110	653	500	344
26.....	490	297	144	84	65	66	500	736	1,180	736	476	344
27.....	445	263	128	86	65	67	476	736	1,260	736	476	365
28.....	425	248	111	86	64	68	476	736	1,260	736	453	344
29.....	405	233	119	84	.....	68	500	736	1,260	736	453	365
30.....	386	218	119	83	.....	69	524	736	1,260	736	408	344
31.....	405	.....	119	83	.....	72	.....	794	.....	680	408	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, 1914, from a well-defined rating curve; Dec. 1, 1914, to Sept. 30, 1915, from a rating curve well defined above 430 second-feet and fairly well defined at lower stages. Discharge interpolated on the following days, when gage was not read: Oct. 3, 4, 12, 25; Nov. 1, 8, 21, 23-24, 26, 28, 29; Dec. 9-11, 13, 17, 18, 25, 27, 30; Jan. 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16-18, 22, 24, 26, 27, 29-31; Feb. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23, 25, 26, 28; Mar. 3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, 31; Apr. 2, 4-6, 8, 11, 13, 15, 18, 20, and 29.

*Monthly discharge of St. Mary River near Babb, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 177 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off.		Accuracy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.	
October.....	540	349	433	2.45	2.82	26,600	B.
November.....	515	218	395	2.23	2.49	23,500	B.
December.....	215	111	173	.977	1.13	10,600	B.
January.....	114	59	81.0	.458	.53	4,980	B.
February.....	83	64	72.7	.411	.43	4,040	B.
March.....	72	55	59.7	.337	.39	3,670	B.
April.....	524	76	243	1.37	1.53	14,500	B.
May.....	1,110	600	854	4.82	5.56	52,500	A.
June.....	1,260	854	1,060	5.99	6.68	63,100	A.
July.....	1,330	653	911	5.15	5.94	56,000	A.
August.....	680	408	557	3.15	3.63	34,200	A.
September.....	574	304	405	2.29	2.56	24,100	B.
The year.....	1,330	55	439	2.48	33.69	318,000	

## ST. MARY RIVER BELOW SWIFTCURRENT CREEK, AT BABB, MONT.

**LOCATION.**—About a mile below mouth of Swiftcurrent Creek, at Babb, on Blackfeet Reservation, in Teton County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—298 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 14, 1901, to October 18, 1902; May 13, 1910, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Stevens water-stage recorder on right bank opposite Babb post office. From July 14, 1901, to October 18, 1902, a staff gage on the left pier of a highway bridge about 100 feet above the present gage, and at a different datum, was used. This gage was destroyed by the flood of June 5, 1908. From May 13, 1910, to July 18, 1911, a staff gage was maintained on the left bank about 75 feet below the original gage and at a different datum. A temporary chain gage was used for low-water readings. From July 19, 1911, to April 21, 1915, an overhanging chain gage was maintained on the right bank at the same datum and location as the present water-stage recorder, and at the same datum as the staff gage on left bank, but on account of channel conditions the gages do not read the same.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the cable 50 feet above gage; low-water measurements made by wading. A small overflow channel from Swiftcurrent Creek is measured from a foot-bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream composed of gravel and cobblestones; shifts slightly. A small overflow channel from Swiftcurrent Creek enters about 100 feet below gage on left bank.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 6.4 feet June 26 to 29 (discharge 1,860 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.8 feet February 7, 19, 20, 22 to 28, March 1 to 3, 5, 6, and 14 to 18 (discharge 90 second-feet).

1901–1902 and 1910–1915: Maximum stage recorded 6.5 feet July 4, 1902 (discharge, 6,690 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.48 feet March 15 to 25, 1912 (discharge, 64 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation slightly affected by ice; flow estimated.

**DIVERSIONS.**—None.

**REGULATION.**—Natural storage in St. Mary and Sherburne Lakes.

**ACCURACY.**—Results apparently good.

*Discharge measurements of St. Mary River below Swiftcurrent Creek, at Babb, Mont., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 7	W. A. Lamb.....	5.28	905	May 26	W. A. Lamb.....	5.56	1,050
Dec. 16	B. E. Jones.....	4.17	<sup>a</sup> 207	June 22	.....do.....	6.12	1,560
Feb. 19	W. A. Lamb.....	3.80	<sup>b</sup> 90	July 18	B. E. Jones.....	5.52	1,030
24	.....do.....	5.22	766	Aug. 10	Lamb and Hoyt.....	5.22	826

<sup>a</sup> Ice at gage, but probably not enough to cause any backwater.

<sup>b</sup> Channel practically free from ice.

**NOTE.**—Measurements do not include the overflow from Swiftcurrent Creek, of which the following measurement was made July 18, 1915: Gage height 4.81 feet; discharge, 4.9 second feet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of St. Mary River below Swiftcurrent Creek, at Babb, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	670	598	340	185	115	90	122	1,420	1,190	1,760	950	625
2.....	778	610	320	202	122	90	143	1,420	1,280	1,760	915	685
3.....	852	641	290	185	132	90	185	1,330	1,360	1,760	915	960
4.....	740	740	260	150	115	95	202	1,240	1,460	1,760	915	988
5.....	705	840	250	150	115	90	220	1,240	1,560	1,660	880	915
6.....	705	941	250	115	132	90	260	1,420	1,560	1,660	880	810
7.....	705	965	240	122	90	102	292	1,620	1,560	1,560	845	745
8.....	697	890	235	122	102	102	300	1,720	1,560	1,560	845	685
9.....	687	777	220	132	95	115	300	1,720	1,560	1,560	845	715
10.....	677	778	220	132	95	115	300	1,720	1,560	1,560	810	715
11.....	677	815	220	132	95	102	300	1,720	1,360	1,460	810	685
12.....	647	815	210	115	95	102	345	1,720	1,360	1,360	810	655
13.....	647	740	220	115	95	115	395	1,620	1,360	1,280	810	625
14.....	670	740	230	150	92	90	450	1,720	1,280	1,190	810	598
15.....	745	740	240	145	90	90	478	1,830	1,360	1,100	810	520
16.....	927	670	240	140	90	90	505	1,620	1,460	1,020	810	520
17.....	966	600	230	135	90	90	505	1,520	1,460	1,020	778	520
18.....	1,040	568	220	135	90	90	630	1,420	1,660	1,020	778	625
19.....	1,120	535	220	130	90	102	630	1,330	1,660	988	778	745
20.....	1,080	535	220	125	90	102	630	1,240	1,660	915	745	745
21.....	1,030	568	202	125	102	102	630	1,160	1,560	915	778	685
22.....	1,010	535	202	125	90	102	770	1,070	1,560	915	745	685
23.....	988	480	202	120	90	115	770	990	1,560	915	745	625
24.....	915	440	190	120	90	115	735	990	1,560	915	715	625
25.....	807	410	185	120	90	115	770	1,070	1,760	950	685	625
26.....	760	390	175	115	90	122	735	1,070	1,860	988	685	570
27.....	715	370	150	115	90	122	735	1,070	1,860	988	685	570
28.....	710	360	150	115	90	102	735	1,070	1,860	1,020	655	520
29.....	660	350	185	122	.....	115	840	1,160	1,860	1,020	655	520
30.....	610	340	185	115	.....	115	1,160	1,020	1,760	988	655	520
31.....	617	.....	178	132	.....	102	.....	988	.....	950	655	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1-7, 16-20, and Nov. 7-22, from rating curve fairly well defined between 100 and 900 second-feet; Oct. 8-15, 21-31, Nov. 1-6, 23-30, Dec. 1-9, and 24-26, estimated because of unreliable gage heights from records obtained at stations above Swiftcurrent Creek and near Kimball, Alberta; Dec. 21-23 and Dec. 27 to May 29, except Feb. 10-18, which was estimated, from rating curve fairly well defined between 100 and 2,700 second-feet; May 30 to Sept. 30, from rating curve fairly well defined between 300 and 2,700 second-feet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Swiftcurrent Creek overflow at Babb, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.
1.	1.9	11.5	-----	8.7	8.7	26	4.7
2.	3.3	10.1	-----	11.5	11.5	26	4.7
3.	4.7	8.7	-----	15	15	26	3.3
4.	2.8	10.1	1.5	26	15	23	3.3
5.	2.3	10.1	2.3	20	15	20	3.3
6.	2.3	8.7	3.3	20	20	15	2.3
7.	2.3	8.7	3.3	23	20	15	2.3
8.	2.8	4.7	3.3	23	20	15	2.3
9.	3.3	4.7	4.7	23	11.5	13.2	2.3
10.	3.3	3.3	4.7	26	11.5	13.2	2.3
11.	3.3	2.3	4.7	26	8.7	11.5	2.3
12.	3.3	2.3	4.7	26	8.7	6.5	2.3
13.	3.3	1.5	4.7	26	11.5	4.7	2.3
14.	4.7	1.5	4.7	26	11.5	4.7	2.3
15.	4.7	-----	4.7	33	11.5	4.7	.8
16.	5.6	-----	4.7	26	11.5	3.3	.8
17.	6.5	-----	4.7	20	15	3.3	.8
18.	7.6	-----	6.5	15	8.7	3.3	.8
19.	8.7	-----	8.7	11.5	10	3.3	.8
20.	8.7	-----	11.5	8.7	11	3.3	.8
21.	11.5	-----	11.5	6.5	13	4.7	.8
22.	11.5	-----	11.5	4.7	14	4.7	.2
23.	11.5	-----	11.5	3.3	15	4.7	.2
24.	13.2	-----	8.7	2.3	15	4.7	.2
25.	13.2	-----	6.5	1.5	20	4.7	.2
26.	15	-----	4.7	.8	33	4.7	-----
27.	15	-----	4.7	.8	36	4.7	-----
28.	15	-----	4.7	1.5	33	6.5	-----
29.	20	-----	6.5	1.5	30	6.5	-----
30.	20	-----	8.7	3.3	26	6.5	-----
31.	13.2	-----	-----	4.7	-----	4.7	-----

NOTE.—Daily discharge determined from a poorly defined rating curve. Discharge Oct. 1 to Nov. 6 estimated; approximate only, as gage-height record for this period is unreliable. Discharge June 19-22 interpolated.

*Combined daily discharge, in second-feet, of St. Mary River and Swiftcurrent Creek overflow at Babb, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.	672	610	340	185	115	90	122	1,430	1,200	1,790	955	625
2.	781	620	320	202	122	90	143	1,430	1,290	1,790	920	685
3.	857	650	290	185	132	90	185	1,340	1,380	1,790	918	950
4.	743	750	260	150	115	95	204	1,270	1,480	1,780	918	988
5.	707	850	250	150	115	90	222	1,260	1,580	1,680	883	915
6.	707	950	250	115	132	90	263	1,440	1,580	1,680	882	810
7.	707	974	240	122	90	102	295	1,640	1,580	1,580	847	745
8.	700	895	235	122	102	102	303	1,740	1,580	1,580	847	685
9.	690	782	220	132	95	115	305	1,740	1,570	1,570	847	715
10.	680	781	220	132	95	115	305	1,750	1,570	1,570	812	715
11.	680	817	220	132	95	102	305	1,750	1,370	1,470	812	685
12.	650	817	210	115	95	102	350	1,750	1,370	1,370	812	655
13.	650	742	220	115	95	115	400	1,650	1,370	1,280	812	625
14.	675	742	230	150	92	90	455	1,750	1,290	1,190	812	598
15.	750	740	240	145	90	90	483	1,860	1,370	1,100	811	520
16.	933	670	240	140	90	90	510	1,650	1,470	1,020	811	520
17.	972	600	230	135	90	90	510	1,540	1,480	1,020	779	520
18.	1,050	568	220	135	90	90	636	1,440	1,670	1,020	779	625
19.	1,130	535	220	130	90	102	639	1,340	1,670	991	779	745
20.	1,090	535	220	125	90	102	642	1,250	1,670	918	746	745
21.	1,040	568	202	125	102	102	642	1,170	1,570	920	779	685
22.	1,020	535	202	125	90	102	782	1,070	1,570	920	745	685
23.	1,000	480	202	120	90	115	782	993	1,580	920	745	625
24.	928	440	190	120	90	115	743	992	1,580	920	715	625
25.	820	410	185	120	90	115	776	1,070	1,780	955	685	625
26.	775	390	175	115	90	122	740	1,070	1,890	993	685	570
27.	730	370	150	115	90	122	740	1,070	1,900	993	685	570
28.	725	360	150	115	90	102	740	1,070	1,890	1,030	655	520
29.	680	350	185	122	-----	115	846	1,160	1,890	1,030	655	520
30.	630	340	185	115	-----	115	1,170	1,020	1,790	994	655	520
31.	630	-----	178	132	-----	102	-----	993	-----	955	655	-----

*Combined monthly discharge of St. Mary River and Swiftcurrent Creek overflow at Babb, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 298 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off.		Accuracy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.	
October.....	1,130	630	800	2.68	3.09	49,203	C.
November.....	974	340	623	2.11	2.35	37,400	C.
December.....	340	150	222	.745	.86	13,600	C.
January.....	202	115	134	.450	.52	8,240	C.
February.....	132	90	98.6	.331	.34	5,480	C.
March.....	122	90	103	.346	.40	6,330	B.
April.....	1,170	122	508	1.70	1.90	30,200	A.
May.....	1,860	992	1,380	4.63	5.34	84,800	A.
June.....	1,900	1,200	1,570	5.27	5.88	93,400	A.
July.....	1,790	918	1,260	4.23	4.88	77,500	A.
August.....	955	655	788	2.64	3.04	48,500	A.
September.....	988	520	667	2.24	2.50	39,700	A.
The year.....	1,900	90	682	2.29	31.10	494,000	

#### ST. MARY RIVER NEAR KIMBALL, ALBERTA.

**LOCATION.**—In the SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 25, T. 1 N., R. 25 W. fourth meridian, about a mile south of Kimball and 5 miles north of the international boundary.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—472 square miles (measured on topographic maps).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January 1, 1913, to September 30, 1915. \*From September 4, 1902, to December 31, 1912, records were obtained at a point one-fourth of a mile below the boundary line. The discharge at the two points is practically the same.

**GAGE.**—Friez water-stage recorder with a concrete well and shelter on the right bank is used during the open-water season; in the winter months a chain gage on the highway bridge 2 miles below the station is used. A chain gage on the left bank was used at the old station near the boundary line.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from a cable three-fourths mile below the gage; low-water measurements are made by wading near the cable section.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—The bed of the stream at the gage and at the control is composed of bowlders and sandstone ledges. The control is formed by an outcropping ledge of sandstone; discharge relation is affected by a large gravel bar which has formed on the right bank at the control.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage during year, from water stage recorder, 4.8 feet at 3 p. m. June 26 (discharge, 2,930 second-feet); minimum stage, from chain gage, 4.65 feet February 22 (discharge, 93 second-feet).

1902-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 12.75 feet June 5, 1908 (discharge, 18,000 second-feet, estimated by comparison with record of station near Babb); minimum stage recorded: February 5, 1914; discharge, 70 second-feet<sup>1</sup> (discharge relation affected by ice).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice. Discharge computed from discharge measurements and temperature records.

**DIVERSIONS.**—None.

**REGULATION.**—Practically none.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve good; results excellent.

**COOPERATION.**—Station is being maintained jointly with the Commissioner of Irrigation of the Department of the Interior of Canada.

<sup>1</sup> Only estimates of mean monthly flow are available for the winter periods from 1902 to 1912, inclusive, and a lower discharge may have occurred during that time.

*Discharge measurements of St. Mary River near Kimball, Alberta, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 1	O. H. Hoover.....	2.78	700	Apr. 3	J. E. Degnan.....	1.95	255
10	.....do.....	2.80	700	19	V. A. Newhall.....	2.86	788
16	.....do.....	3.18	1,036	21	.....do.....	3.02	918
Nov. 12	.....do.....	2.89	791	23	.....do.....	3.04	954
26	.....do.....	2.30	422	24	W. A. Lamb.....	3.06	890
Dec. 14	.....do.....	2.37	267	May 5	V. A. Newhall.....	3.76	1,634
Jan. 1	.....do.....	5.04	181	10	.....do.....	4.12	2,051
19	J. E. Degnan.....	5.46	150	22	.....do.....	3.50	1,326
21	.....do.....	5.15	161	27	W. A. Lamb.....	3.54	1,390
Feb. 8	.....do.....	5.29	120	June 10	V. A. Newhall.....	4.42	2,406
10	.....do.....	5.19	112	11	.....do.....	4.21	2,020
26	.....do.....	4.78	116	16	.....do.....	4.26	2,233
27	.....do.....	4.88	117	July 12	.....do.....	3.75	1,659
Mar. 6	.....do.....	4.70	109	13	.....do.....	3.67	1,512
15	.....do.....	5.03	136	15	B. E. Jones.....	3.56	1,380
18	.....do.....	5.28	253	16	V. A. Newhall.....	3.50	1,350
25	.....do.....	4.53	141	Aug. 3	.....do.....	3.38	1,253
29	.....do.....	1.61	176	6	.....do.....	3.26	1,150
Apr. 2	.....do.....	1.88	244	9	W. A. Lamb.....	3.20	1,004
				17	V. A. Newhall.....	3.05	934

NOTE.—Gage heights of measurements from Jan. 1 to Mar. 25 refer to winter gage at highway bridge. Gage heights of other measurements refer to water-stage recorder.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of St. Mary River near Kimball, Alberta, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	690	645	367	181	148	114	212	1,420	1,461	2,514	1,360	654
2.....	731	691	362	180	146	112	240	1,637	1,483	2,436	1,300	780
3.....	752	795	366	182	143	108	266	1,730	2,306	2,514	1,240	1,694
4.....	788	919	316	184	140	108	286	1,682	2,397	2,358	1,193	1,494
5.....	802	944	310	185	137	109	306	1,626	2,475	2,189	1,155	1,250
6.....	780	1,012	302	186	133	110	326	1,516	2,475	2,078	1,117	1,060
7.....	759	1,012	290	186	130	111	334	1,430	2,345	2,066	1,070	966
8.....	724	1,012	277	185	126	113	348	1,549	2,358	2,030	1,060	874
9.....	717	927	272	183	121	117	322	1,886	2,280	1,982	1,060	882
10.....	710	840	272	180	115	121	334	2,054	2,488	1,934	1,043	924
11.....	697	818	273	177	110	125	318	2,126	2,202	1,718	1,018	858
12.....	671	780	269	173	110	129	322	2,054	2,078	1,615	1,000	802
13.....	678	802	267	169	110	131	339	2,102	2,006	1,516	1,009	780
14.....	724	780	267	165	111	133	388	2,215	2,090	1,494	1,043	758
15.....	832	780	260	160	111	137	448	2,150	2,163	1,430	958	712
16.....	1,020	848	250	157	111	150	497	1,982	2,254	1,350	950	654
17.....	1,205	780	239	153	111	175	543	1,826	2,228	1,538	932	660
18.....	1,255	731	238	151	111	218	647	1,790	2,475	2,054	907	758
19.....	1,186	731	239	150	107	253	765	1,648	2,397	1,910	898	890
20.....	1,120	697	235	155	102	262	890	1,505	2,280	1,483	1,018	882
21.....	1,056	671	223	164	96	265	907	1,400	2,163	1,310	992	826
22.....	1,012	537	219	166	93	260	941	1,340	2,102	1,270	907	742
23.....	969	445	221	166	95	220	932	1,270	2,030	1,250	866	750
24.....	911	435	221	166	104	180	916	1,280	2,042	1,240	818	735
25.....	848	445	216	165	114	142	890	1,350	2,488	1,240	795	720
26.....	810	430	207	164	116	140	890	1,360	2,670	1,360	758	668
27.....	780	405	200	160	116	150	874	1,380	2,605	1,380	742	654
28.....	745	390	193	158	117	160	866	1,370	2,488	1,626	742	634
29.....	724	375	188	154	.....	165	890	1,390	2,384	1,549	728	628
30.....	684	371	185	151	.....	162	1,018	1,450	2,306	1,549	690	582
31.....	678	.....	183	149	.....	191	.....	1,450	.....	1,410	682	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Dec. 5-31, from readings on the staff gage at the cable; Jan. 1 to Mar. 28 (ice present) from chain-gage readings at the highway bridge below the station; estimated Nov. 30; Dec. 1; Jan. 2, 10, 17, 24, 25, 29, and 31; Feb. 2; Mar. 7, 9, 14, and 17; Apr. 11; May 16; June 5, 6, 12, 19, 26, and 27; July 18 and 19; Aug. 15 and 16; Sept. 4, 11, and 12. Well-defined rating curves applicable from Oct. 1 to Dec. 5, and from Mar. 29 to Sept. 30.

*Monthly discharge of St. Mary River near Kimball, Alberta, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 472 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off.	
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.
October.....	1,255	671	841	1.782	2.05	51,711
November.....	1,012	375	702	1.488	1.66	41,772
December.....	367	183	256	.542	.62	15,741
January.....	186	149	168	.356	.41	10,330
February.....	148	93	117	.248	.26	6,498
March.....	265	108	157	.333	.38	9,354
April.....	1,018	212	575	1.22	1.36	34,215
May.....	2,215	1,270	1,645	3.49	4.02	101,145
June.....	2,670	1,461	2,251	4.77	5.32	133,940
July.....	2,514	1,240	1,722	3.648	4.21	105,882
August.....	1,360	682	969	2.053	2.37	59,581
September.....	1,694	582	842	1.784	1.99	50,102
The year.....	2,670	93	857	1.82	24.65	620,571

# SWIFTCURRENT CREEK AT MANY GLACIER, MONT.<sup>1</sup>

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 12, T. 35 N., R. 16 W., at outlet of McDermott Lake (Pl. III), at Many Glacier, about 14 miles southwest of Babb, in Teton County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—31.4 square miles (measured on Glacier National Park topographic map).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 6, 1912, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—A vertical staff on left bank at outlet of the lake; read once a day by Oscar Montross.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made by wading at outlet of the lake.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Control is a limestone reef arched upstream at outlet of the lake; just below the control is a fall and cataract.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 3.1 feet, May 8 (discharge, 600 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.75 feet September 13 and 15 (discharge, 76 second-feet).

1912–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 4.25 feet May 28, 1913 (discharge, 1,150 second-feet); minimum discharge recorded, 10.8 second-feet March 19, 1912, by current meter measurement, prior to installation of gage.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

**DIVERSIONS.**—None.

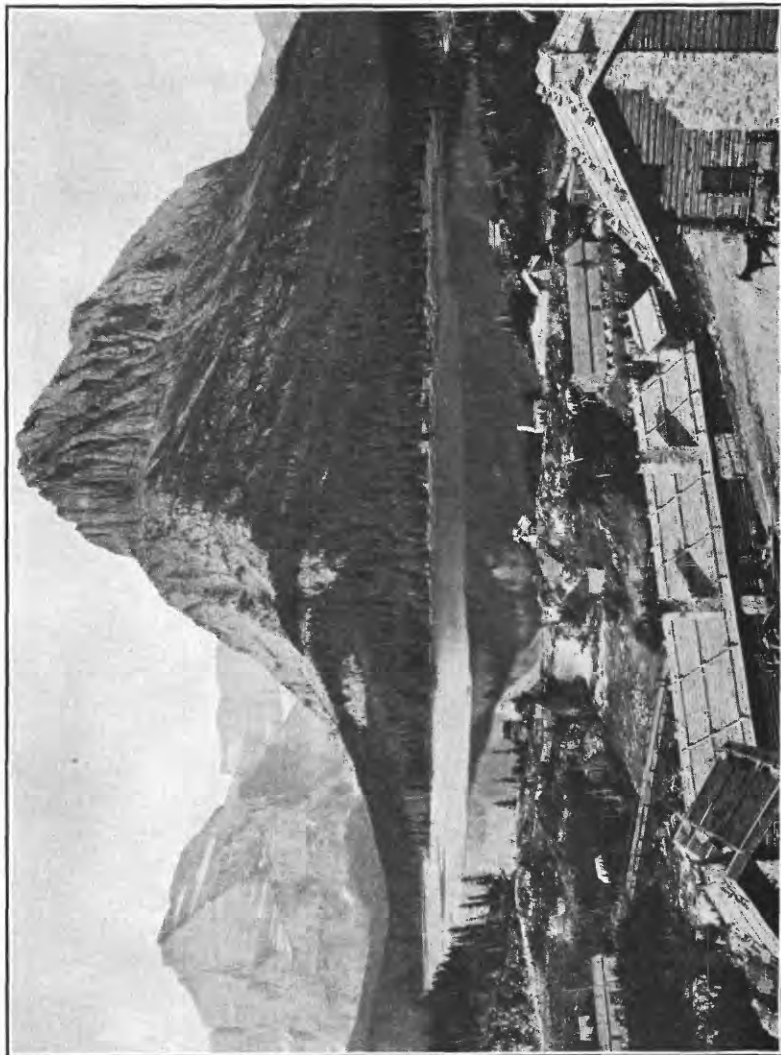
**REGULATION.**—None.

**ACCURACY.**—Results good.

*Discharge measurements of Swiftcurrent Creek at Many Glacier, Mont., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
July 17	B. E. Jones.....	Feet. 2.06	Sec.-ft. 141
Aug. 11	Lamb and Hoyt.....	2.14	160

<sup>1</sup> Published in previous reports under name "Swiftcurrent Creek at McDermott Lake, Mont."



McDERMOTT LAKE FROM MANY GLACIER CAMP, MONT.



*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Swiftcurrent Creek at Many Glacier, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		314	222	406	177	125	16.....		360	360	151	151	99
2.....		406	314	360	177	138	17.....		314	397	157	151	138
3.....		550	360	268	183	245	18.....		268	454	143	138	161
4.....		406	406	291	183	222	19.....		268	351	151	151	202
5.....		406	464	268	151	173	20.....		268	360	138	138	161
6.....		454	324	291	167	167	21.....		268	360	167	151	146
7.....		550	360	351	177	146	22.....		268	360	191	151	125
8.....		600	314	314	167	114	23.....		183	314	202	138	105
9.....		406	277	277	183	116	24.....		183	360	202	141	112
10.....		268	314	314	151	95	25.....	314	183	337	183	148	94
11.....		222	245	277	167	99	26.....	268	222	478	177	135	95
12.....		222	231	231	157	92	27.....	268	183	502	177	141	94
13.....		268	183	183	138	76	28.....	222	202	383	195	143	84
14.....		314	277	191	167	84	29.....	222	291	430	191	125	94
15.....		314	291	151	148	76	30.....	183	314	360	161	114	84
							31.....		245		177	125	

NOTE.—Discharge determined from rating curve fairly well defined between 84 and 314 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Swiftcurrent Creek at Many Glacier, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 31.4 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off.		Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	Depth in inches on drainage area.	Total in acre-feet.	
April 25-30.....	314	183	246	7.83	1.75	2,930	B.
May.....	600	183	314	10.0	11.53	19,300	C.
June.....	502	183	346	11.0	12.27	20,600	C.
July.....	406	138	224	7.13	8.22	13,800	B.
August.....	183	114	153	4.87	5.62	9,410	B.
September.....	245	76	125	3.98	4.44	7,440	B.
The period.....						73,400	

#### SWIFTCURRENT CREEK AT SHERBURNE, MONT.<sup>1</sup>

LOCATION.—In sec. 35, T. 36 N., R. 15 W., near the outlet of Lower Sherburne Lake, in Teton County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—64.0 square miles (measured on Glacier National Park topographic map).

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—July 1, 1912, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Staff gage on left bank about 300 feet below the spillway of the Sherburne Lake dam; read to half tenths once a day by employees of the United States Reclamation Service. From July 1, 1912, to November 9, 1914, a vertical staff gage was maintained on the left bank near the outlet of the lake and at datum different from that of present gage.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Low-water measurements made by wading; high-water measurements made from a footbridge at the dam.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Stream bed is permanent at the gage and at the control below. Both banks are high and will not overflow. An outcropping limestone ledge, somewhat broken and irregular, forms the control.

<sup>1</sup> Published in previous reports under name of "Swiftcurrent Creek at Sherburne Lake, Mont."

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.6 feet June 26 (discharge, 816 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.8 feet September 16 (discharge, 90 second-feet).

1912-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 7.8 feet May 28, 1913 (discharge, 1,850 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, December 15, 1912 (discharge estimated at 47 second-feet; discharge relation affected by ice). Records do not include a large part of the winter flow, when the minimum discharge is somewhat lower.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation not seriously affected by ice except for short periods.

**DIVERSION.**—None.

**REGULATION.**—The natural flow of the stream was affected by a temporary dam built at the outlet of the lake for purposes of construction in connection with the Sherburne Lake storage dam.

**ACCURACY.**—Results apparently good.

*Discharge measurements of Swiftcurrent Creek at Sherburne, Mont., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 7	W. A. Lamb.....	6.50	503	June 21	W. A. Lamb.....	3.60	461
Dec. 16	B. E. Jones.....	2.45	47	July 18	B. E. Jones.....	2.65	221
Apr. 23	W. A. Lamb.....	3.21	387	Aug. 11	Lamb and Hoyt.....	2.64	222
May 25	.....do.....	2.98	298				

NOTE.—Gage height of measurement of Nov. 7 refers to old gage; backwater from Sherburne Lake dam on this date. Gage heights of subsequent measurements refer to new staff gage below the dam.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Swiftcurrent Creek at Sherburne, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Nov.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....			420	325	525	264	155
2.....			556	378	525	253	164
3.....			656	300	494	253	231
4.....			588	325	464	264	325
5.....			464	392	392	253	288
6.....			351	464	378	231	231
7.....			300	494	392	231	148
8.....			364	464	435	231	155
9.....	288		556	464	435	231	155
10.....	288		732	406	435	231	164
11.....	288		773	231	378	210	155
12.....	288		656	351	325	210	140
13.....	276		588	325	210	210	140
14.....	276		525	338	231	210	140
15.....	276		464	378	231	220	101
16.....	276		392	464	210	210	90
17.....			351	525	231	210	113
18.....			325	621	210	190	276
19.....			288	588	200	190	312
20.....			242	556	210	190	276
21.....			220	494	231	190	200
22.....			210	406	253	190	155
23.....			200	378	253	190	155
24.....		300	231	406	264	190	155
25.....		242	300	621	264	155	140
26.....		242	300	816	253	140	140
27.....		210	351	773	253	155	126
28.....		210	325	693	276	155	126
29.....		231	378	621	288	148	126
30.....		276	231	588	276	148	113
31.....			140		264	140	

NOTE.—Discharge Nov. 9-16, 1914, and Apr. 24 to Sept. 30, 1915, determined from rating curve well defined between 71 and 494 second-feet and poorly defined at other stages.

*Monthly discharge of Swiftcurrent Creek at Sherburne, Mont., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in acre-feet).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		
November 9-16.....	288	276	282	4,470	C.
April 24-30.....	300	210	244	3,390	A.
May.....	773	140	402	24,700	B.
June.....	816	231	473	28,100	B.
July.....	525	200	316	19,400	A.
August.....	264	140	203	12,500	A.
September.....	325	90	173	10,300	A.

NOTE.—From June 1 to June 30 a total of 1,560 acre-feet of water was stored in Sherburne Lake by a temporary construction dam; 134 acre-feet was stored Aug. 25 to Sept. 18, and released during the period Sept. 18-20.

OTTERTAIL RIVER AT GERMAN CHURCH, NEAR FERGUS FALLS, MINN.

LOCATION.—At highway bridge on south line of sec. 31, T. 134 N., R. 42 W., about 5 miles upstream from the old station known as "Ottertail River near Fergus Falls" and about 8 miles north of Fergus Falls, Ottertail County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,300 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—October 29, 1913, to September 30, 1915. May 9, 1904, to October 22, 1913, about 5 miles downstream from the present station. The drainage area at the lower station is only 10 square miles larger, and no tributaries intervene.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to the downstream hand rail near the right bank; read once daily, to quarter-tenths, by D. S. Danielson.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from the downstream side of the bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of stream sand and gravel with some boulders; rapids about 100 feet below the gage from a well-defined control, which is practically permanent except for a slight growth of vegetation in the channel at times. Both banks at and above the gage are high and will probably never overflow; at the control section the land adjacent to the left bank is low and will overflow at a stage of about 5 feet.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 2.8 feet July 19 and 20 (discharge 837 second-feet); minimum discharge recorded by measurement made March 30, discharge 250 second-feet; the absolute minimum during year probably was about 230 second-feet.

Maximum stage recorded, 1914-15: 2.8 feet July 19 and 20, 1915 (discharge 837 second-feet); minimum discharge during period recorded by measurement made February 28, 1914 (discharge 171 second-feet).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice. Flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and climatic records.

REGULATION.—Fluctuations, caused by the operation of a number of dams and small mills above the station, are equalized by small lakes through which the river flows before reaching the station, so that fluctuations are not observed at the gage.

ACCURACY.—Results apparently excellent. The control is nearly permanent, but discharge relation is affected during brief periods by backwater from aquatic plants; fluctuation is so gradual that one reading of the gage per day represents accurately the mean stage.

*Discharge measurements of Ottertail River at German Church, near Fergus Falls, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 18 <sup>a</sup>	S. B. Soulé.....	3.19	362	June 30	S. B. Soulé.....	2.64	733
Jan. 22 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	3.0	277	Sept. 17 <sup>b</sup>	H. T. Critchlow.....	2.18	464
Mar. 30	do.....	1.55	250				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Small growth of aquatic plants in section.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Ottotail River at German Church, near Fergus Falls, Minn., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-15.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1913-14.												
1.....		354	362				245	288	319	557	480	373
2.....		354	362				237	288	319	530	480	373
3.....		354	362				237	294	326	530	480	373
4.....		362	362				237	294	336	530	480	373
5.....		354	362				249	294	336	530	480	373
6.....		354	373				226	304	326	557	480	373
7.....		354	392				237	304	336	557	480	373
8.....		354	373				249	304	354	557	480	373
9.....		354	319				226	294	362	557	457	373
10.....		354	319				237	294	373	557	434	373
11.....		362	304				216	304	373	557	434	373
12.....		362	319				249	313	362	530	434	354
13.....		362	336				249	313	362	505	434	413
14.....		354	336				261	313	354	505	434	413
15.....		354	354			180	274	313	354	505	434	413
16.....		354	345	280	190		237	319	354	505	434	413
17.....		362	336				237	313	392	505	434	413
18.....		362	336				261	313	392	505	434	392
19.....		362	336				249	313	392	505	434	373
20.....		373	373				249	304	392	505	434	373
21.....		373					249	304	434	505	434	373
22.....		373					226	304	392	505	434	373
23.....		373					249	304	413	505	457	373
24.....		373					256	304	557	505	434	373
25.....		373					256	319	557	505	434	373
26.....		373	350				256	313	557	505	434	373
27.....		373					261	313	584	505	434	373
28.....		373					266	313	557	505	413	373
29.....	354	373					288	313	557	505	413	373
30.....	354	373				261	288	313	557	530	392	373
31.....	354					253		319		530	392	
1914-15.												
1.....	392	434	392				261	313	392	704	736	557
2.....	392	434	392				256	313	392	704	736	557
3.....	392	434	392				266	347	413	704	704	530
4.....	354	434	392				283	354	413	736	704	530
5.....	354	434	392				283	354	434	704	704	530
6.....	354	434	392				274	354	434	736	704	505
7.....	354	434	392				274	354	392	736	704	480
8.....	373	434	392				274	354	434	736	673	480
9.....	373	413					274	354	457	769	673	480
10.....	392	413					274	354	480	769	642	480
11.....	413	434					266	354	480	769	642	480
12.....	413	434					266	354	584	769	642	480
13.....	413	434				265	274	354	584	769	642	480
14.....	413	434					283	373	584	803	642	480
15.....	413	434					274	384	613	803	642	480
16.....	413	434		243	335		274	378	642	803	642	480
17.....	413						283	373	642	769	642	480
18.....	413						283	373	613	803	613	480
19.....	413						274	373	584	837	584	457
20.....	413	407	305				274	392	584	837	584	457
21.....	434						274	392	613	803	584	434
22.....	434						274	392	613	769	584	434
23.....	434						294	392	613	769	584	434
24.....	434	392					313	392	613	769	584	434
25.....	434	392					313	392	613	769	584	434
26.....	434	399				266	313	392	642	769	584	434
27.....	434	406				264	313	384	642	769	584	434
28.....	434	413				262	304	392	736	769	584	434
29.....	434	413				260	304	392	736	769	642	434
30.....	434	392				259	313	392	704	736	584	434
31.....	434					260		392		736	557	

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined between 237 and 837 second-feet. July 1 to Oct. 20, 1914, by the indirect method for shifting channel as aquatic plants in the channel caused backwater at the gage; Dec. 21, 1913, to Mar. 29, 1914, Nov. 17-23, and Dec. 9, 1914, to Mar. 25, 1915, estimated because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included. Discharge interpolated Dec. 16, 1913, Mar. 31, Apr. 1, 3, Oct. 30, Nov. 5-6, 13, 15, 26, 27, and Dec. 4, 1914, Mar. 27-29, 31, May 16, 23, 30, July 11, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, 11, 17, 24, and 26, 1915.

*Monthly discharge of Ottotail River at German Church, near Fergus Falls, Minn., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-15.*

[Drainage area, 1,300 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1913-14.						
November.....	373	354	363	0.279	0.31	B.
December.....			349	.268	.31	B.
January.....			280	.215	.25	C.
February.....			190	.146	.15	C.
March.....			185	.142	.16	C.
April.....	288	216	249	.192	.21	A.
May.....	319	288	306	.235	.27	A.
June.....	584	319	409	.315	.35	A.
July.....	557	505	522	.402	.46	B.
August.....	480	392	443	.341	.39	B.
September.....	413	354	379	.292	.33	B.
1914-15.						
October.....	434	354	408	0.314	0.36	B.
November.....			419	.322	.36	B.
December.....			327	.252	.29	C.
January.....			243	.187	.22	C.
February.....			335	.258	.27	C.
March.....			264	.203	.23	C.
April.....	313	256	283	.218	.24	A.
May.....	392	313	370	.285	.33	A.
June.....	736	392	556	.428	.48	A.
July.....	837	704	764	.588	.68	A.
August.....	736	557	636	.489	.56	A.
September.....	557	434	474	.365	.41	B.
The year.....	837		423	.325	4.43	

## RED RIVER AT FARGO, N. DAK.

**LOCATION.**—At the dam half a mile above the highway bridge connecting Front Street, Fargo, N. Dak., with Moorhead, Minn., 10 miles above mouth of Sheyenne River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—6,020 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 27, 1901, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff attached to tree on left bank about 6 rods above dam; vertical staff for use at low stages attached to piling pier of footbridge at same point, on second pier from left bank; datum about 1.16 feet below crest of dam. Prior to September 1, 1914, the United States Weather Bureau vertical staff attached to the breakwater for the center pier of the Front Street bridge was used, but can not be read accurately without a field glass.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the footbridge 8 rods above the dam; at low stage, when the current is too sluggish at that point, the Front Street bridge is used.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel consists of clay and silt; shifts slightly. Dam below gage forms the control.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during the year, 6.0 feet (15.8 feet on Front Street gage), July 3 (discharge, 3,110 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.55 feet, November 16 (discharge, 346 second-feet).

1901-1915: Maximum stage recorded 29.8 feet March 31, 1907 (discharge, 5,820 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.7 feet, November 1, 1910 (discharge, 36 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice from the middle of November to the end of March, but control such that open-water rating curve assumed appli-

cable with small corrections deduced from discharge measurements and records of temperature.

**REGULATION.**—The dam, which is a tight overflow weir without sluices, was built for the purpose of maintaining a sufficient depth of water for the intake pipe of the waterworks, and raises the water about 5 feet at low stage. There is no power plant or storage nearer than 60 miles above the station, and the storage there is not great enough to affect perceptibly the discharge at the station.

**ACCURACY.**—Records good since September 1, 1914; prior to that date only fair, because of the inaccessibility of gage, resulting small errors in observations, and changes in rating curve caused by lack of permanence in channel.

*Discharge measurements of Red River at Fargo, N. Dak., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 26	L. W. Burdick.....	9.01	394	Aug. 2	E. F. Chandler.....	4.01	1,190
Feb. 25	Ole Christianson.....	8.90	307	18	do.....	3.74	1,040
Apr. 14	do.....	3.58	833	Sept. 24	V. H. Sprague.....	3.31	732
July 12	E. F. Chandler.....	4.49	1,700				

a Old gage; river frozen.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Red River at Fargo, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	543	622	622	770	770	2,880	1,230	943
2.....	543	622	803	770	708	3,110	1,230	906
3.....	543	622	1,040	739	708	3,110	1,230	871
4.....	543	595	1,270	708	708	3,110	1,230	836
5.....	543	622	1,500	708	708	2,710	1,230	836
6.....	543	622	1,600	836	679	2,520	1,230	836
7.....	543	622	1,920	836	679	2,120	1,140	836
8.....	543	595	2,230	836	679	2,120	1,140	803
9.....	543	595	2,430	906	708	1,920	1,140	770
10.....	543	595	2,020	906	708	1,810	1,140	770
11.....	569	543	1,720	906	770	1,810	1,120	770
12.....	569	595	1,410	836	770	1,810	1,100	770
13.....	595	595	1,230	836	770	1,810	1,060	770
14.....	622	595	906	836	1,230	1,710	1,060	803
15.....	650	595	650	770	1,600	1,600	1,060	803
16.....	622	349	650	708	2,230	1,500	1,060	803
17.....	595	.....	650	708	2,430	1,600	1,060	803
18.....	622	.....	650	739	2,620	1,810	1,020	803
19.....	595	.....	650	708	2,620	2,020	980	803
20.....	595	.....	595	836	2,520	1,920	980	770
21.....	595	.....	543	836	2,230	1,810	943	770
22.....	595	.....	543	803	2,120	1,710	943	770
23.....	569	.....	518	770	2,020	1,600	943	739
24.....	595	.....	494	770	2,020	1,560	980	708
25.....	595	.....	494	770	1,860	1,460	980	708
26.....	622	.....	518	770	1,700	1,410	943	708
27.....	622	.....	543	770	1,810	1,360	943	708
28.....	595	.....	543	770	2,430	1,230	906	770
29.....	595	.....	622	739	2,430	1,320	906	770
30.....	595	.....	770	770	2,620	1,320	906	739
31.....	622	.....	.....	770	.....	1,230	906	.....

NOTE.—Daily discharge determined from a rating curve well defined below 1,800 second-feet and poorly defined for higher stages; discharge interpolated Apr. 3, 4, and 11; June 25; Aug. 11; and Sept. 8, 10, and 12.

*Monthly discharge of Red River at Fargo, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in acre-feet).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		
October.....	650	543	583	35,800	A.
November.....	622	.....	532	31,700	C.
December.....	.....	.....	410	25,200	D.
January.....	.....	.....	340	19,900	D.
February.....	.....	.....	310	17,200	D.
March.....	.....	.....	300	24,000	D.
April.....	2,430	494	1,000	59,500	A.
May.....	906	708	788	48,500	A.
June.....	2,620	679	1,530	91,000	A.
July.....	3,110	1,220	1,900	117,000	A.
August.....	1,220	906	1,060	65,200	A.
September.....	943	708	790	46,900	A.
The year.....	3,110	.....	805	573,000	

NOTE.—Discharge from Nov. 17 to Mar. 31 estimated from Weather Bureau records, two discharge measurements, and occasional gage-height observations.

#### RED RIVER AT GRAND FORKS, N. DAK.

**LOCATION.**—At Northern Pacific Railway bridge between Grand Forks, N. Dak. and East Grand Forks, Minn., about half a mile below mouth of Red Lake River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—25,000 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 26, 1901, to September 30, 1915; gage-height records kept by United States Engineer Corps since 1882, and a few discharge measurements were made by them in early years.

**GAGES.**—Staff and chain attached to Northern Pacific Railway bridge; same datum. As a rule chain gage is read only during periods of exceptionally low water. Gage of United States Engineer Corps on bridge breakwater at same place as staff gage of United States Geological Survey; datum 5 feet higher.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from Great Northern Railway bridge, about one-fifth mile above gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Clay and silt; shifts slightly.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 30.8 feet July 3 (discharge 21,500 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.4 feet, October 4 (discharge 1,030 second-feet; 6.4 feet February 13—discharge, 686 second-feet). 1882–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 50.2 feet April 10, 1897 (discharge, 43,000 second-feet; minimum stage recorded, 2.6 feet February 10, 1912 (discharge, 100 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—River flows under smooth ice from about middle of November to middle of April; flow usually steady with no fluctuations; since 1905 sufficient discharge measurements have been made each winter to obtain fairly satisfactory summaries. On account of a gentle current and the fact that the river flows north into cooler regions the gage reading is usually excessive for a few days or weeks when ice breaks up in the spring, and flow must be largely estimated unless daily discharge measurements are made; actual measurements when river appeared to be open at station have sometimes shown the reading to be 8 feet greater than would be necessary for same discharge when the entire river is open.

**REGULATION.**—No dams, other obstructions, or rapids below; channel fairly uniform for many miles. At Crookston, 25 miles above on Red Lake River, are nearest power plant and reservoir affecting flow; about half the water comes from Red Lake River, but storage at Crookston plant is too small to cause perceptible fluctuation at gage. On Red River proper and its tributaries above Grand Forks, no important power plants or reservoirs within a hundred miles.

**ACCURACY.**—Winter records are fair; all others good.

*Discharge measurements of Red River at Grand Forks, N. Dak., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Jan. 9	Ole Christianson .....	<i>Feet.</i> 6.65	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> a 842	June 14	Chandler and Sprague..	<i>Feet.</i> 9.17	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 2,950
Feb. 20	.....do.....	6.70	a 754	July 15	E. F. Chandler.....	18.06	8,380
Apr. 16	E. F. Chandler.....	11.54	4,140				

a River frozen over.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Red River at Grand Forks, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,070	1,500	-----	2,150	2,100	2,700	20,400	3,750	1,720
2.....	1,070	1,420	-----	2,420	2,050	2,590	21,300	3,680	1,670
3.....	1,030	1,420	-----	2,930	2,150	2,480	21,500	3,560	1,670
4.....	1,030	1,420	-----	3,700	2,370	2,370	21,300	3,430	1,670
5.....	1,030	1,420	-----	4,470	2,370	2,260	20,800	3,300	1,670
6.....	1,070	1,420	-----	5,210	2,370	2,150	19,100	3,180	1,630
7.....	1,070	1,460	-----	5,840	2,530	2,100	19,100	2,990	1,590
8.....	1,030	1,380	-----	6,850	2,590	2,100	17,700	2,870	1,540
9.....	1,110	1,340	-----	7,450	2,590	2,150	16,100	2,820	1,500
10.....	1,180	1,340	-----	8,650	2,700	2,200	14,300	2,700	1,500
11.....	1,180	1,340	-----	9,950	2,990	2,260	12,500	2,590	1,500
12.....	1,260	1,420	-----	8,650	3,180	2,310	10,000	2,480	1,460
13.....	1,260	1,420	-----	7,070	3,300	2,480	9,950	2,370	1,500
14.....	1,300	1,380	-----	5,840	3,430	2,700	9,160	2,260	1,590
15.....	1,300	1,300	-----	5,080	3,560	3,430	9,070	2,150	1,500
16.....	1,340	1,260	-----	4,400	3,560	4,600	9,250	2,100	1,460
17.....	1,340	-----	-----	3,680	3,490	5,910	8,990	2,100	1,500
18.....	1,380	-----	-----	3,180	3,810	7,000	8,490	2,100	1,540
19.....	1,460	-----	-----	2,820	4,340	7,610	7,920	2,050	1,670
20.....	1,380	-----	-----	2,640	4,740	8,080	7,360	2,000	1,670
21.....	1,340	-----	-----	2,420	4,600	8,240	6,850	1,950	1,500
22.....	1,340	-----	-----	2,260	4,400	8,240	6,480	1,900	1,500
23.....	1,380	-----	-----	2,200	4,140	8,080	6,200	1,900	1,500
24.....	1,420	-----	-----	2,150	3,880	7,760	5,910	1,850	1,540
25.....	1,420	-----	-----	2,100	3,680	7,370	5,490	1,850	1,500
26.....	1,420	-----	-----	2,000	3,560	7,150	5,140	1,810	1,500
27.....	1,380	-----	1,540	2,050	3,300	8,820	4,940	1,810	1,500
28.....	1,420	-----	1,670	2,150	3,180	12,700	4,670	1,850	1,500
29.....	1,420	-----	1,760	2,150	3,050	16,000	4,400	1,810	1,500
30.....	1,420	-----	1,810	2,150	2,930	18,600	4,200	1,760	1,460
31.....	1,380	-----	1,900	-----	2,820	-----	3,880	1,760	-----

NOTE.—Discharge Mar. 27 to Apr. 4 determined by indirect method; for other periods from a well-defined rating curve.



*Monthly discharge of Red River at Grand Forks, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in acre-feet).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		
October.....	1,460	1,030	1,270	77,800	B.
November.....	1,500	.....	1,350	80,300	C.
December.....	.....	.....	1,170	71,700	D.
January.....	.....	.....	780	48,000	D.
February.....	.....	.....	740	41,100	D.
March.....	.....	.....	1,170	71,800	D.
April.....	9,950	2,000	4,150	247,000	B.
May.....	4,740	2,050	3,220	198,000	A.
June.....	18,600	2,100	5,750	342,000	A.
July.....	21,500	3,880	11,000	679,000	A.
August.....	3,750	1,760	2,410	148,000	A.
September.....	1,720	1,460	1,550	92,200	A.
The year.....	21,500	.....	2,900	2,100,000	.....

NOTE.—Discharge Nov. 17 to Mar. 26 estimated from discharge measurements, temperature records, observer's notes, and occasional gage readings.

#### WILD RICE RIVER AT TWIN VALLEY, MINN.

LOCATION.—In T. 144 N., R. 44 W., at highway bridge at Twin Valley, Norman County, 2 miles above a small tributary which enters from the right at Heiberg.

DRAINAGE AREA.—805 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—June 30, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Vertical staff gage read twice daily, morning and evening, by Axel Johnson.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from the bridge, except at extremely low stages when they are made by wading below dam.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—One channel at all stages; channel composed of sand and silt; no well defined control; right bank high and wooded; left bank will overflow to some extent at stage of 12 feet.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 11.0 feet at 8 a. m. June 28, and 8 a. m. June 29 (discharge, 2,250 second-feet); minimum discharge estimated at 20 second-feet for the last part of January.

1909-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 20.0 feet at 7 a. m. July 22, 1909 (discharge, approximately 9,200 second-feet); minimum discharge recorded during open-water periods, 12 second-feet, August 31 and September 1, 1913; minimum discharge measured during winter periods, by current meter, 10 second-feet, February 5, 1912; the absolute minimum was probably less than this amount.

WINTER FLOW.—Seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

REGULATION.—Discharge affected by storage created by dams at the lower end of Lower Rice Lake, and at the outlet of Twin Lakes.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve fairly well defined; condition of channel, fairly permanent; gage-height record reliable; discharge records apparently good.

*Discharge measurements of Wild Rice River at Twin Valley, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Nov. 14	L. W. Burdick.....	<i>Feet.</i> 5.29	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 120	July 24	E. F. Chandler.....	<i>Feet.</i> 6.97	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 553
Dec. 27 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	5.97	57	25 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	6.82	498
June 23	Ole Christianson.....	7.55	671				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Made by wading one-fourth mile below gage.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Wild Rice River at Twin Valley, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	119	80	95	45	25	45	300	114	305	1,880	385	157
2.....	119	74						102	279	1,520	385	138
3.....	119	58						279	1,250	358	110	110
4.....	119	58						151	233	1,160	358	97
5.....	110	58						199	245	1,080	331	138
6.....	110	58	60	25	30	50	686	199	279	986	305	110
7.....	110	80					900	292	292	986	292	110
8.....	110	110					686	442	257	942	279	132
9.....	110	110					358	500	257	900	279	128
10.....	124	110					305	560	279	860	279	128
11.....	128	102	105	25	30	50	279	591	270	822	279	128
12.....	128	119					199	591	358	752	279	143
13.....	128	110					178	560	591	719	279	147
14.....	128	119					167	560	942	752	257	167
15.....	128						157	560	986	719	233	167
16.....	119	100	55	20	50	80	143	622	900	686	210	157
17.....	119						132	560	900	654	199	147
18.....	119						124	500	900	622	188	151
19.....	119						163	530	900	622	188	147
20.....	119						151	530	822	591	188	147
21.....	119	100	55	20	50	80	123	530	786	560	199	147
22.....	119						119	500	752	622	199	147
23.....	119						124	471	719	686	199	147
24.....	119						124	413	686	560	210	128
25.....	128						147	385	654	500	188	138
26.....	128	100	55	20	50	80	147	385	654	471	188	138
27.....	128						138	358	1,520	442	178	138
28.....	138						147	358	2,060	442	188	138
29.....	128						138	344	2,200	413	188	147
30.....	119						119	318	2,060	399	188	147
31.....	110						.....	305	.....	385	167	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 14, and Apr. 6 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 50 and 2,200 second-feet; Nov. 15 to Apr. 5 estimated, because of ice from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Wild Rice River at Twin Valley, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 805 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Month.	Discharge in second-feet.		
	Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.		Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.
October.....	138	110	121	May.....	622	102	409
November.....	119	58	95.9	June.....	2,200	233	746
December.....			69.5	July.....	1,880	385	774
January.....			29.7	August.....	385	167	247
February.....			33.9	September.....	167	97	139
March.....			59.0				
April.....	900	119	249	The year.....	2,200	.....	249

#### RED LAKE RIVER AT THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.

LOCATION.—In T. 153 N., R. 43 W., one-third mile below the dam at Thief River Falls, Pennington County, and about 1 mile below the mouth of Thief River coming in from the right.

DRAINAGE AREA.—3,430 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—July 2, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Inclined staff gage located on left bank; read twice daily, morning and evening, to half-tenths by H. W. Hoard.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Gravel; nearly permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum discharge during year estimated at 2,880 second-feet, June 29; minimum stage recorded during year, 3.28 feet, November 15 and 16 (discharge, approximately 45 second-feet.)

1909-1915: Maximum discharge recorded, June 9, 1911; discharge, 3,820 second-feet; minimum discharge, zero, July 17 and August 27, 1911.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—A short distance above the station is the dam owned by the Hansen & Barzen Milling Co., and the city lighting plant. The fluctuation on the turbines produced by the operation of the lighting plant at night, and of the mill chiefly during the day, cause fluctuations in the river at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Results are only fair owing to fluctuations in stage and unreliable gage-height record during parts of the year.

*Discharge measurements of Red Lake River at Thief River Falls, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 14	Ole Christianson.....	4.87	507	July 23	E. F. Chandler.....	5.79	960
Dec. 29 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	5.74	316	Aug. 25	W. B. Stevenson.....	4.76	506
Feb. 7 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	5.53	282	Sept. 17	E. F. Chandler.....	4.84	495
June 19	.....do.....	6.67	1,400				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Red Lake River at Thief River Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	290	560						538	718			340
2.....	340	538						560	695			340
3.....	242	494					710	650	628			452
4.....	258	538						628	582			452
5.....	306	538						650	582			412
6.....	323	494					560	718	582			375
7.....	323	472					494	740	560		530	340
8.....	323	515					452	650	560			306
9.....	412	452	320				431	790	582			306
10.....	431	472				570	393	790	628			323
11.....	431	431					538	790	605			375
12.....	393	393					538	840	740			375
13.....	393	323					582	790	1,050			393
14.....	412	136					740	790	1,330			412
15.....	412	45					790	840	1,360		538	452
16.....	393	45	215	370			790	890	1,360	1,280	538	494
17.....	431	73					940	765	1,360		494	582
18.....	431						940	740	1,360		494	538
19.....	412						995	765	1,230		538	560
20.....	431						940	790	1,230		452	538
21.....	412						995	790	1,110		375	515
22.....	538						940	790	1,110		494	494
23.....	538						890	840	1,170		452	515
24.....	538	120	220				890	890	1,110		452	538
25.....	560					450	790	890	1,110		452	515
26.....	472						718	840	1,110		412	494
27.....	431						628	890			452	494
28.....	538						582	840		2,400	452	494
29.....	472						582	790			375	472
30.....	494						538	740			375	452
31.....	472							718			452	

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 17, Apr. 6 to June 26, and Aug. 15 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 47 and 2,960 second-feet; Nov. 18 to Apr. 5 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. From June 27 to Aug. 14 gage was read by a substitute observer who apparently recorded the gage heights 1 foot too large; gage heights for this period (except Aug. 10-14, for which discharge was estimated) were reduced before rating curve was applied. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Red Lake River at Thief River Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 3,430 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Month.	Discharge in second-feet.		
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.
October.....	560	242	415	May.....	890	538	762
November.....	560	45	269	June.....		560	1,140
December.....			275	July.....			1,280
January.....			215	August.....		375	491
February.....			370	September.....	582	306	445
March.....			524				
April.....	995	393	708	The year.....		45	575

#### RED LAKE RIVER AT CROOKSTON, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—At New Sampson's addition highway bridge in Crookston, Minn., less than quarter of a mile below the dam and power house of the Crookston Waterworks, Power & Light Co.'s plant. No tributaries enter for several miles.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—5,320 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 19, 1901, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Barrett & Lawrence water-stage recorder, on right abutment of bridge, installed in September, 1911, replacing chain gage which was attached to bridge July 1, 1909. Datum of both gages maintained the same. Prior to July 1, 1909, the gage was on the old Sampson's addition bridge about 20 rods above present gage; this gage read the same as the present one at ordinary stages.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—No well-defined control; flow confined to one channel at all stages; slightly shifting.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage during year from water-stage recorder, 14.25 feet on June 29 (discharge, 8,160 second-feet); minimum stage, 3.4 feet October 4 (discharge, 344 second-feet).

1901-1915: Maximum stage recorded 20.97 feet April 5, 1906 (discharge 14,200 second-feet); a flow of 10 second-feet was recorded by discharge measurement made January 27, 1912; the flow is controlled to such an extent that the minimum recorded discharge has no bearing on the minimum natural flow.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. See note under "Winter flow" in Water-Supply Paper 325, p. 43.

**REGULATION.**—Considerable diurnal fluctuation at the gage is caused by the operation of the power plant immediately above the station. This plant has little storage, so that the mean monthly flow should represent nearly the natural flow.

**ACCURACY.**—Channel not permanent; rating curve poorly defined; gage-height record good; results only fair.

*Discharge measurements of Red Lake River at Crookston, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		Feet.	Sec.-ft.			Feet.	Sec.-ft.
Oct. 17	Ole Christianson.....	4.21	707	June 22	Ole Christianson.....	7.62	2,660
Nov. 13	.....do.....	3.98	610	July 2	.....do.....	12.28	6,280
Jan. 2 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	4.68	314	24	E. F. Chandler.....	6.19	1,750
Feb. 9 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	5.17	339				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Red Lake River at Crookston, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1.....	421	620	550	400	380	480	960	835	985	7,020	1,140	540	
2.....	440	660						935	885	6,500	1,200	560	
3.....	421	620						935	835	5,910	1,090	500	
4.....	344	700						1,380	935	790	5,400	1,040	660
5.....	382	660						1,560	935	745	4,890	985	540
6.....	480	700	475	405	520	510	1,950	985	885	4,550	935	580	
7.....	500	660					2,210	835	885	4,150	935	660	
8.....	560	580					2,410	935	935	3,830	885	700	
9.....	560	745					2,980	935	985	3,430	935	660	
10.....	660	580					2,410	1,040	885	3,120	835	660	
11.....	580	700	620	580	660	790	1,950	1,040	885	3,050	885	620	
12.....	580	660					1,760	1,040	935	2,900	660	790	
13.....	440	620					1,620	1,090	1,040	2,690	560	660	
14.....	460	620					1,560	1,200	1,440	2,830	560	580	
15.....	520	540					1,380	1,260	2,020	2,830	520	580	
16.....	540	620	450	405	520	510	1,260	1,380	2,480	2,550	580	480	
17.....	580						1,200	1,760	2,690	2,480	580	560	
18.....	540						1,140	2,410	2,830	2,280	540	620	
19.....	540						935	2,550	2,830	2,140	540	660	
20.....	540						835	2,280	2,690	2,140	580	660	
21.....	580	535	380	350	460	630	835	2,020	2,690	2,140	540	580	
22.....	520						790	1,760	2,620	2,140	520	460	
23.....	700						790	1,500	2,550	1,950	580	560	
24.....	660						790	1,500	2,410	1,690	620	560	
25.....	660						790	1,560	2,280	1,620	580	560	
26.....	620	535	380	350	460	630	935	1,500	2,340	1,560	620	620	
27.....	660						985	1,440	4,980	1,500	580	580	
28.....	620						985	1,380	7,520	1,380	520	620	
29.....	580						935	1,320	7,860	1,380	520	620	
30.....	620						790	1,140	7,440	1,040	540	560	
31.....	620						1,090	1,260	480				

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a fairly well defined rating curve. Discharge Nov. 16 to Apr. 3 estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, discharge measurements, observer's notes, and climatic records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Red Lake River at Crookston, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accuracy.	Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accuracy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.			Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
October.....	700	344	546	B.	May.....	2,550	835	1,340	B.
November.....			604	C.	June.....	7,860	745	2,380	B.
December.....			465	D.	July.....	7,020	1,040	2,980	B.
January.....			384	D.	August.....	1,200	480	712	B.
February.....			453	D.	September.....	790	460	600	B.
March.....			545	D.					
April.....	2,980		1,330	C.	The year.....	7,860		1,030	

#### THIEF RIVER NEAR THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINN.

LOCATION.—In sec. 3, T. 154 N., R. 43 W., at the Drybrooke Ford, Pennington County, 6 miles north of Thief River Falls. Nearest tributary, outlet of Mud Lake, enters in the northeastern part of T. 156 N., R. 42 W.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,010 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—July 1, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage installed August 26, 1915, attached to a cantilever timber fastened to a tree on right bank; inclined staff gage installed September 4, 1913, to replace old inclined staff gage, which was set at incorrect gage datum; was used until August 26, 1915. Gage read twice daily, morning and evening, by T. H. Ris- teigen. See Water-Supply Paper No. 325, page 45, for history of old gage.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from steel highway bridge 60 rods below the gage; at low stages made by wading near the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel and bowlders; nearly permanent; one channel at all stages; both banks high and will not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 10.66 feet at 6 p. m. June 30 (discharge, 1,920 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 4.38 feet at 7 p. m. September 17 (discharge, 25 second-feet).

1909-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 10.68 feet, July 19, 1909 (discharge, 1,970 second-feet); no flow past the gage during October, November, and December, 1910; January, February, and December, 1911; January and February, 1912.

**REGULATION.**—Dam at Thief River Falls, at the mouth of Thief River, backs up the water in Thief River for several miles, but station is protected by rapids below from influence of dam.

**ACCURACY.**—Results fair during open-water periods.

*Discharge measurements of Thief River near Thief River Falls, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
Dec. 28 <sup>a</sup>	Ole Christianson.....	<i>Fect.</i> 5.56	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 66	July 22	E. F. Chandler.....	<i>Fect.</i> 6.08	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 348
Feb. 6 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	4.46	43	Sept. 18	.....do.....	4.56	40
June 18	.....do.....	6.83	586				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Thief River near Thief River Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	48	127	60	42	33	59	196	147	149	1,860	171	36
2.....	31	129					208	134	147	1,830	164	35
3.....	59	122					244	132	134	1,550	162	34
4.....	55	110					394	130	124	1,100	160	32
5.....	52	115					990	126	178	1,060	151	30
6.....	56	129	60	42	33	59	1,060	116	220	955	136	30
7.....	56	122					990	112	220	850	122	32
8.....	59	58					850	126	208	572	116	31
9.....	73	53					675	151	208	472	112	30
10.....	77	75					538	173	208	394	106	29
11.....	75	86	65	42	33	59	232	189	208	336	101	28
12.....	82	74					171	282	220	308	97	28
13.....	92						171	322	538	295	92	28
14.....	95						160	269	780	295	82	28
15.....	97						158	256	640	336	76	27
16.....	117	74	65	42	33	59	128	282	606	364	78	27
17.....	97						114	572	606	350	73	26
18.....	90						106	640	606	322	69	37
19.....	90						76	572	572	295	63	37
20.....	90						60	409	538	322	60	35
21.....	88	74	65	42	33	59	60	336	505	336	57	34
22.....	97						84	322	505	394	55	34
23.....	108						112	269	424	364	63	34
24.....	120						118	244	364	282	73	31
25.....	144						130	232	336	269	89	32
26.....	139	74	65	42	33	59	140	208	336	256	27	38
27.....	144						153	196	1,340	256	32	38
28.....	139						153	184	1,830	244	35	35
29.....	132						160	178	1,660	232	35	37
30.....	112						160	171	1,900	208	35	39
31.....	124						.....	164	.....	184	37	.....

**NOTE.**—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from fairly well defined rating curves. Nov. 12 to Mar. 31 estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, discharge measurements, and climatic records. Braced figures show mean discharge for periods included.

*Monthly discharge of Thief River near Thief River Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accu- racy.	Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accu- racy.
	Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.			Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.	
October.....	144	31	91.5	B.	May.....	640	112	247	A.
November.....			84.4	D.	June.....	1,900	124	550	B.
December.....			62.6		July.....	1,860	184	545	B.
January.....			42		August.....	171	27	88.0	B.
February.....			33		September.....	39	26	32.4	C.
March.....			59						
April.....	1,060	60	293	B.	The year....	1,900	.....	178	

#### CLEARWATER RIVER AT RED LAKE FALLS, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In T. 151 N., R. 44 W., at Great Northern Railway bridge at Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the mouth, and 2 miles below the nearest tributary, a stream coming in from the left.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,310 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 18, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Combination vertical and inclined staff gage, installed September 12, 1911, about half a mile downstream from the original gage; set to read 2.23 feet when the original gage read 5.83 feet; read twice daily, morning and evening, to tenths, by Leo Steinert. The new gage was placed on account of the building of a dam which caused several feet of backwater at the old section.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—During medium and high stages made from the Great Northern Railway bridge; at low stages by wading about 300 feet below the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Smooth sand and gravel channel; nearly permanent; two channels at low stages, uniting at high stages; both banks high, wooded, and not subject to overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 6.9 feet June 29 (discharge approximately 3,320 second-feet); minimum discharge recorded by discharge measurement made December 30 (discharge, 35 second-feet).

1909–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 6.9 feet June 29, 1915 (discharge approximately 3,320 second-feet); minimum discharge, July 4, 1911, estimated at 20 second-feet.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—At low stages the flow is affected by the Steinert dam, 40 rods above the gage. The storage at this plant is small, and only a slight diurnal fluctuation is observed at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; gage-height records reliable; channel fairly permanent. Results good for open-water periods; approximate for winter period.

*Discharge measurements of Clearwater River at Red Lake Falls, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
Dec. 30 <sup>a</sup>	Ole Christianson.....	<i>Feet.</i> 3.97	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 35	Aug. 24	W. B. Stevenson.....	<i>Feet.</i> 2.38	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 122
Feb. 8 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	4.87	57	.....do.....	.....do.....	2.19	62
June 21	.....do.....	4.44	1,130				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Clearwater River at Red Lake Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1.....	142	196	70	50	50	60	510	266	400	2, 870	352	101	
2.....	142	196						266	352	2, 690	352	101	
3.....	142	196						266	307	2, 510	352	85	
4.....	142	196						286	286	2, 510	286	78	
5.....	142	196						307	266	2, 330	248	72	
6.....	142	196	70	50	50	60	510	1, 520	330	266	2, 330	229	72
7.....	142	196						1, 610	400	248	2, 150	196	72
8.....	154	196						1, 610	425	229	2, 150	196	78
9.....	167	196						1, 700	450	229	2, 060	167	85
10.....	196	196						1, 700	450	229	1, 840	167	101
11.....	196	196	93	50	50	60	510	1, 700	502	266	1, 610	131	101
12.....	196	196						1, 700	476	400	1, 430	120	101
13.....	196	196						1, 340	450	502	1, 430	142	101
14.....	196	167						556	450	730	1, 610	120	110
15.....	196	93						352	450	828	1, 430	120	120
16.....	196	85	85	50	50	60	510	307	612	1, 080	1, 250	120	120
17.....	196	85						286	860	1, 250	1, 080	120	120
18.....	196	85						266	930	1, 160	930	101	120
19.....	167	85						266	828	1, 160	895	101	110
20.....	167	85						266	670	1, 120	860	101	110
21.....	167	93	45	50	50	60	510	266	670	1, 080	795	85	110
22.....	167	110						229	584	1, 040	762	93	101
23.....	182							229	529	968	700	101	101
24.....	196							229	556	930	641	101	101
25.....	196							229	502	930	612	110	101
26.....	196	100	100	50	50	60	510	266	502	930	556	120	101
27.....	196							266	502	2, 690	556	101	101
28.....	196							266	502	3, 230	502	101	101
29.....	196							266	450	3, 320	502	101	101
30.....	196							266	425	3, 230	450	85	120
31.....	196							400			376	93	

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 22 and Apr. 6 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve well defined between 72 and 1,200 second-feet; Nov. 23 to Apr. 5 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Clearwater River at Red Lake Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,310 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Month.	Discharge in second-feet.		
	Maxi-mum.	Mini-mum.	Mean.		Maxi-mum.	Mini-mum.	Mean.
October.....	196	142	177	May.....	930	266	493
November.....	196	85	141	June.....	3, 320	229	989
December.....			57.1	July.....	2, 870	376	1, 370
January.....			50.0	August.....	352	85	155
February.....			50.0	September.....	120	72	99.9
March.....			60.0	The year.....	3, 320		361
April.....	1, 700	229	675				

#### PEMBINA RIVER AT NECHE, N. DAK.

LOCATION.—At highway bridge 20 rods east of Great Northern Railway bridge two-thirds of a mile north of Neche, N. Dak.

DRAINAGE AREA.—2,940 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—April 29, 1903, to September 30, 1915, when station was discontinued.

GAGE.—Vertical staff bolted to the concrete abutment at the north end of the railway bridge. At low stages this gage is sometimes not reached by the water, and readings are then made on sections of vertical staff attached to the abutment and piling at the north end of the highway bridge.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from the highway bridge; at very low stages made by wading at some section below the Great Northern dam.



**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel consists of clay and silt; slightly shifting; control, loose rock dam about one-third mile below gage.

**EXTREME OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 6.0 feet, April 8 (discharge, 154 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.1 feet, August 13 (discharge, 5 second-feet).

1903-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 20.9 feet May 2, 1904 (discharge, 3,870 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.3 feet September 15, 1911 (discharge, 1.0 second-foot).

**WINTER FLOW.**—The ordinary winter discharge is less than the leakage through the loose-rock dam and estimates can not be made from gage observations without numerous discharge measurements. Approximate estimates of winter flow are made from observers' notes and temperature records by comparison with stations on other streams.

**REGULATION.**—The water is raised at low stages from 1 to 2 feet at the gage by a loose-rock dam about 3 feet high, one-third mile below, constructed to give sufficient depth of water for the intake of the Great Northern Railway water tank. There is considerable leakage through the dam, but no permanent determination of the effect of the dam can be made because it is liable to be somewhat disturbed at its crest by ice run or spring floods in any year. There are no reservoirs or power plants that affect the flow.

**ACCURACY.**—Records only fair this year on account of the varying effect of the dam at low stages and the large percentage error in low-stage discharge caused by small errors in gage-height observations.

The following discharge measurements were made by E. F. Chandler: July 20: Gage height 3.87 feet; discharge, 24.2 second-feet; September 6: Gage height 2.79 feet; discharge, 1.9 second-feet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Pembina River at Neche, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	29	29					25	25	29	22	16	9
2.....	29	29					25	25	25	22	16	9
3.....	22	29					29	25	25	22	13	9
4.....	17	29					34	25	25	22	11	9
5.....	17	29					48	25	25	22	11	9
6.....	22	29					70	25	25	22	9	9
7.....	22	29					154	25	25	22	9	9
8.....	22	29					154	25	25	22	9	9
9.....	22	29					135	25	25	22	9	9
10.....	29	22					117	25	25	22	7	9
11.....	29	22					84	25	25	22	5	6
12.....	29	22					29	25	29	22	5	9
13.....	38	22					29	25	29	22	5	9
14.....	38	22					29	25	29	22	5	9
15.....	38	22					29	25	25	22	5	9
16.....	38		9	6	5	9	29	25	25	22	7	9
17.....	38						25	25	25	22	7	9
18.....	38						25	25	25	22	7	9
19.....	38						25	25	25	22	7	11
20.....	38						25	25	25	22	9	11
21.....	38						25	25	25	19	9	11
22.....	38						25	25	22	19	9	13
23.....	38	16					25	25	22	19	9	13
24.....	38						25	25	22	19	9	16
25.....	38						25	25	22	16	9	16
26.....	38						25	25	22	16	9	19
27.....	38						25	25	22	16	9	19
28.....	28						25	25	22	16	9	22
29.....	29						25	25	22	16	9	22
30.....	29						25	29	22	16	9	22
31.....	29						.....	29	.....	16	9	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 14 and Apr. 11 to Sept. 30 from two poorly defined rating curves; Apr. 1-10, estimated from observer's notes and by indirect method; Nov. 16 to Mar. 31, estimated, because of ice, from observer's notes, weather records, and flow of adjacent streams. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Pembina River at Neche, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in acre-feet).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		
October.....	38	17	31.7	1,950	C.
November.....	29		21.1	1,260	D.
December.....			9	553	D.
January.....			6	369	D.
February.....			5	278	D.
March.....			9	553	D.
April.....	154	25	45.7	2,720	C.
May.....	29	25	25.3	1,560	C.
June.....	29	22	24.6	1,470	B.
July.....	22	16	20.3	1,250	B.
August.....	16	5	8.7	535	C.
September.....	22	9	11.9	708	C.
The year.....			18.2	13,200	

#### MOUSE RIVER AT MINOT, N. DAK.

**LOCATION.**—At the Anne Street footbridge, northeast of the Great Northern Railway roundhouse, at Minot, N. Dak.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—8,400 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 5, 1903, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff attached to pier nearest left bank of Anne Street footbridge. From 1903 until December, 1909, the gage was a vertical staff similarly placed on a footbridge then existing, which was about 20 rods above the Anne Street bridge. Both gages had the same datum.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the Anne Street bridge at medium and high stages. At low stages made by wading some rods below the dam at the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway water tank.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Clay and silt; slightly shifting.

**EXTREME OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.9 feet June 26 (discharge, 41 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.65 feet October 18 (discharge, 1.4 second-feet).

1903–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 21.9 feet April 20, 1904 (discharge, 12,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.8 feet February 28, 1913 (discharge, 0.1 second-foot).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation slightly affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and records of temperature.

**REGULATION.**—A dam 4 feet high at the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway tank, 1 mile below, raises the water at gage about 3 feet at ordinary low stage. The dam being designed merely to give enough depth of water for the intake-pipe suction, has no sluices, but it is not absolutely tight. When the discharge is less than about 5 second-feet, the water level falls below the crest of the dam.

**ACCURACY.**—Results good for medium stages; for low stages errors of large percentage in the results may be due to small errors made by the gage observer or to changes in the amount of leakage through the dam, but the total error for a low-stage period is but a few second-feet.

*Discharge measurements of Mouse River at Minot, N. Dak., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Feb. 4	E. F. Chandler.....	<i>Feet.</i> 4.20	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 2.0	July 9	V. H. Sprague.....	<i>Feet.</i> 4.60	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 16.8
Mar. 6	.....do.....	4.26	2.5	Sept. 11	E. F. Chandler.....	4.21	3.2

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Mouse River at Minot, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1.8	1.8	8	27	17	14	17	8.0
2.....	1.8	2.0	14	27	17	14	17	6.5
3.....	1.8	2.0	17	23	20	17	17	6.5
4.....	1.8	2.0	20	23	23	17	17	6.5
5.....	1.6	2.0	23	20	31	17	17	6.5
6.....	1.6	2.2	27	20	31	17	14	6.5
7.....	1.6	2.2	27	20	31	14	14	6.5
8.....	1.6	2.2	27	20	27	12	14	6.5
9.....	1.6	2.2	23	20	27	17	14	6.5
10.....	1.6	2.5	23	20	23	17	14	6.5
11.....	1.6	2.5	23	23	23	17	14	6.5
12.....	1.6	2.8	20	20	23	14	14	6.5
13.....	1.6	2.8	20	20	23	14	12	6.5
14.....	1.4	2.8	20	20	20	14	12	8.0
15.....	1.4	2.8	20	23	20	14	12	8.0
16.....	1.4	2.8	17	23	20	14	12	8.0
17.....	1.4	2.8	17	20	20	12	12	6.5
18.....	1.4	3.0	17	20	12	14	12	6.5
19.....	1.4	3.0	17	23	12	14	12	6.5
20.....	1.4	3.0	17	23	14	14	10	6.5
21.....	1.4	3.5	17	20	14	17	10	6.5
22.....	1.6	3.5	20	17	14	17	10	6.5
23.....	1.6	3.8	20	17	12	14	10	6.5
24.....	1.6	3.8	23	14	12	14	10	8.0
25.....	1.6	3.8	23	14	12	14	10	8.0
26.....	1.6	3.8	27	14	41	14	8	8.0
27.....	1.6	3.8	27	14	31	17	8	8.0
28.....	1.8	3.8	27	17	17	17	8	8.0
29.....	1.8	3.5	23	17	14	14	8	8.0
30.....	1.8	3.5	23	17	17	14	8	8.0
31.....	1.8			17		14	8	

NOTE.—Discharge determined from two curves well defined below 20 second-feet and poorly defined for higher stages, applicable Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, and Apr. 1 to Sept. 30.

*Monthly discharge of Mouse River at Minot, N. Dak., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in acre-feet).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.		
October.....	1.8	1.4	1.6	98	C.
November.....	3.8	1.8	2.87	171	D.
December.....			1.0	61	D.
January.....			1.0	61	D.
February.....			1.0	56	D.
March.....			3.0	184	D.
April.....	27	8	20.9	1,240	B.
May.....	27	14.5	19.8	1,220	B.
June.....	41	12	20.6	1,230	B.
July.....	17	12	14.9	916	B.
August.....	17	8	12.1	744	B.
September.....	8	6.5	7.05	420	D.
The year.....	41		8.9	6,400	

NOTE.—Discharge Dec. 1 to Mar. 31 estimated from discharge measurements and occasional gage-height observations and temperature records.

#### EVAPORATION GAGE AT UNIVERSITY, N. DAK.<sup>1</sup>

The evaporation gage at University, N. Dak., was established April 17, 1905, on a pool in a ravine called English Coulee, which runs through the campus of the University of North Dakota, immediately west of Grand Forks, N. Dak., and 2 miles west of the Minnesota boundary.

<sup>1</sup> For complete description of this station and records of evaporation, rainfall, and temperature for 1905 to 1908, see U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 245, pp. 64-67, 1910.

The records at this station were continued during the year ending September 30, 1915, daily observations being made October 1 to November 11, 1914, and April 10 to September 30, 1915. The gage was protected from disturbance and the records of observations are reliable.

The coulee drains about 60 square miles of very level prairie. Except for brief freshets the flow in the coulee is small, varying from 1 second-foot or less to 20 second-feet. In very dry weather the water lies in pools with scarcely any perceptible flow.

A heavy galvanized-iron tank, 3 feet square and 18 inches deep, is placed in the center of an anchored raft, so that the water in the tank is at the same level as the water surface outside. The tank is filled nearly to the top, to a height precisely marked by the pointed tip of a vertical rod in the center of the tank. Once each day, after the change produced by evaporation or rainfall, the water level is restored to the original height, the precise amount of water transferred being measured with a cup of such size that one cupful of water is equivalent to 0.01 inch depth in the tank.

On the open prairie about 40 rods distant is a standard rain gage. On days of rainfall the difference (which is usually small) between the quantity measured by the rain gage and the surplus in the tank is considered the total evaporation for the day.

Observations were made usually about half an hour before sunset. The temperature of the water recorded is the observation of the water in the tank; as the tank is made of metal, it has been found that at that time of the day there is rarely a perceptible difference in temperature reading between the water within and without the tank. The temperature of the air as recorded is the mean of the readings of the standard self-recording maximum and the self-recording minimum thermometers for the preceding 24 hours.

The following table shows for each 10-day period during the year ending September 30, 1915, the gross evaporation, the total rainfall, and the mean temperatures for the 10 observations of the water and of the air. •

*Evaporation observations at University, N. Dak., for year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Evap- oration.	Rain- fall.	Mean tempera- ture (° F.).		Date.	Evap- oration.	Rain- fall.	Mean tempera- ture (° F.).	
			Water.	Air.				Water.	Air.
	<i>Inches.</i>	<i>Inches.</i>				<i>Inches.</i>	<i>Inches.</i>		
Oct. 1-10.....	1.21	0.66	63	61	July 1-10.....	1.52	0.81	54	60
11-20.....	.82	.09	50	50	11-20.....	1.83	1.15	55	66
21-31.....	.86	1.05	46	44	21-31.....	1.67	.29	60	64
Nov. 1-11.....	.39	.20	37	38	Aug. 1-10.....	1.54	.00	59	66
Apr. 10-20.....	1.66	.02	53	51	11-20.....	1.58	.00	61	68
21-30.....	1.30	.89	57	53	21-31.....	1.68	.07	54	60
May 1-10.....	1.01	.66	52	47	Sept. 1-10.....	1.27	.41	62	67
11-20.....	1.22	2.66	58	51	11-20.....	1.38	.41	46	52
21-31.....	1.71	.04	53	56	21-30.....	1.23	.75	43	50
June 1-10.....	1.17	1.46	53	56					
11-20.....	1.02	2.77	49	53					
21-30.....	1.49	3.11	57	63					

#### RAINY LAKE AT RANIER, MINN.

LOCATION.—At foot of Rainy Lake at Ranier, Koochiching County.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—January 1, 1910, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Haskel water-stage recorder and vertical staff gage; read once daily; installed December 5, 1913, on protecting crib above Canadian Northern Railway bridge by the Canadian Department of Public Works. From August 19, 1911, to December 5, 1913, staff gage attached to foot of Ranier wharf. Prior to the latter date gage heights were read at the upper gage of the Minnesota & Ontario Power Co.,

just above the dam at International Falls, 2 miles below Ranier. Comparative readings taken on the two gages during 1911 indicate a slope of 0.50 foot between the two points, and to make the records comparable, the readings of the Minnesota & Ontario gage were reduced by 488.50. Recent studies by Mr. Adolph F. Meyer, consulting engineer of the International Joint Commission, indicate that the actual slope between the two gages varied from 0.3 to 1.2 feet during the period January 1, 1910, and August 18, 1911, so that the readings on the gage of the Minnesota & Ontario Power Co. should have been reduced by an amount ranging from 488.70 to 487.80, instead of 488.50 feet. Gage heights January 1, 1910, to August 18, 1911, published in Water-Supply Papers 285 and 305, are therefore in error as referred to the correct datum by an unknown amount varying from +0.2 to -0.7 feet. The gages at Ranier were maintained at the following elevations:

	Feet.
Aug. 19, 1911, to Sept. 30, 1912.....	489.00
Sept. 21, 1912, to Oct. 9, 1912.....	488.77
Oct. 15, 1912, to Dec. 4, 1913.....	489.25
Dec. 5, 1913, to Sept. 30, 1915.....	488.00

The records have all been reduced to the original datum, 489.00.

On June 1, 1915, a new gage was installed by the Canadian Department of Public Works at the plant of the Northern Construction Co., about 3 miles across the lake from Ranier; and from simultaneous readings it has been determined that the water surface is lower at the present Ranier gage than at the Northern Construction Co. gage by an amount varying from 0.57 of a foot at a stage of 2 feet, to 0.05 of a foot at a stage of 7 feet.

The records at this station, by indicating the change in water level, show the gain or loss in storage due to control of the flow at International Falls dam, and when used in connection with the records of flow of the Rainy at International Falls are of value in determining the natural run-off.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 7.65 feet October 11 and 18; minimum stage recorded, 1.15 feet, April 15.

1910-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 8.47 feet July 14, 1913; minimum stage recorded, 0.85 foot March 22, 1911.

**REGULATION.**—The stage of Rainy Lake is controlled at the dam and power plant of the Minnesota & Ontario Power Co., at International Falls, 2 miles below the outlet of the lake, water being stored during periods of high run-off and drawn off during periods of low run-off.

**COOPERATION.**—Gages are owned and maintained by the Canadian Department of Public Works.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Rainy Lake at Ranier, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	7.60	7.50	6.45	5.55	4.15	3.10	1.56	1.90	2.50	5.30	6.75	6.98
2.....	7.54	7.40	6.45	5.50	4.20	3.00	1.58	1.75	2.50	5.36	6.77	6.97
3.....	7.58	7.30	6.45	5.60	4.15	2.97	1.38	1.70	2.55	5.45	6.80	6.90
4.....	7.60	7.23	6.40	5.55	4.10	2.90	1.79	1.60	2.60	5.50	6.75	6.94
5.....	7.60	7.28	6.40	5.40	4.05	2.85	1.37	1.58	2.62	.....	6.75	7.05
6.....	7.60	7.25	6.40	5.40	4.00	2.80	1.30	1.59	2.55	5.55	6.75	7.10
7.....	7.60	7.18	6.40	5.30	4.00	3.00	1.40	1.60	2.65	5.60	7.00	7.02
8.....	7.60	7.28	6.30	5.25	3.95	2.75	1.35	2.20	2.70	5.65	6.92	7.02
9.....	7.60	7.18	6.25	5.20	3.90	2.70	1.22	2.10	2.75	5.70	6.82	7.04
10.....	7.58	7.09	6.20	5.30	3.87	2.65	1.30	1.80	2.80	5.76	6.85	6.95
11.....	7.65	7.09	6.20	5.20	3.85	2.60	1.68	1.75	2.88	5.83	6.85	7.00
12.....	7.60	7.10	6.10	5.10	3.80	2.55	1.36	1.78	3.15	5.82	6.85	7.05
13.....	7.55	7.05	6.10	5.05	3.80	2.50	1.30	1.78	3.27	5.95	6.75	7.05
14.....	7.60	7.00	6.05	5.00	3.80	2.70	1.20	1.80	3.40	6.05	6.80	6.90
15.....	7.60	7.05	6.00	4.95	3.70	2.40	1.15	2.38	3.50	6.04	7.00	6.93
16.....	7.57	6.88	6.00	4.90	3.60	2.35	1.16	2.10	3.70	6.05	6.95	6.93
17.....	7.60	6.90	6.00	4.80	3.65	2.40	1.20	2.10	3.76	6.15	6.92	6.90
18.....	7.65	6.90	5.90	4.75	3.60	2.40	1.70	2.05	3.85	6.20	6.92	6.94
19.....	7.60	6.85	5.90	4.75	3.50	2.20	1.35	2.00	3.95	6.22	6.95	7.00
20.....	7.50	6.81	5.90	4.70	3.45	2.20	1.29	2.00	4.00	6.25	6.95	7.00
21.....	7.50	6.70	5.85	4.70	3.40	2.20	1.30	2.00	3.90	6.30	6.95	6.97
22.....	7.50	6.85	5.85	4.65	3.32	2.10	1.30	2.40	4.20	6.39	6.95	6.90
23.....	7.60	6.75	5.85	4.60	3.35	2.15	1.30	2.20	4.27	6.50	6.80	6.93
24.....	7.60	6.65	5.88	4.60	3.30	2.05	1.85	2.60	4.37	6.53	6.90	7.00
25.....	7.60	6.65	5.90	4.50	3.20	1.85	1.90	2.26	4.50	6.60	6.95	6.95
26.....	7.45	6.75	5.90	4.45	3.15	1.85	1.50	2.40	4.60	6.63	6.92	7.15
27.....	7.40	6.55	5.85	4.40	3.15	1.74	1.50	2.40	4.80	6.63	6.90	7.05
28.....	7.40	6.65	5.70	4.30	3.15	1.95	1.30	2.35	4.95	6.65	7.00	7.00
29.....	7.40	6.70	5.70	4.30	.....	1.80	1.58	2.60	5.01	6.61	6.97	7.00
30.....	7.40	6.00	5.65	4.25	.....	1.65	1.56	2.50	5.15	6.65	6.95	7.00
31.....	7.40	.....	5.60	4.20	.....	1.60	.....	2.69	.....	6.68	6.97	.....

NOTE.—Gage heights referred to the same datum as those previously published in water-supply papers containing records for this drainage basin.

#### RAINY RIVER AT INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINN.

LOCATION.—At the steamboat dock half a mile below the International Falls in Koochiching County, 3 miles below the outlet of Rainy Lake.

DRAINAGE AREA.—14,600 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—March 1, 1907, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Stevens continuous water-stage recorder installed September 15, 1913, by the engineers of the Canadian Department of Public Works; the well being attached to the steam boat dock. A vertical staff gage installed April 20, 1911, by the United States Geological Survey, is attached to a piling supporting the dock, downstream side near outer corner. This gage was read twice daily from April 20, 1911, to September 15, 1913, after which date it was used as reference by which the water-stage recorder was set, thus making the datum to which records from the two gages were referred identical. From March 1, 1907, to April 20, 1911, the Minnesota & Ontario Power Co., furnished readings from a vertical staff gage located just below the dam, first on the American side but later on the Canadian side. The zero of the gage of the United States Geological Survey is 460.99 feet above that of the power company's gage, when the slope of the river between the two points, determined at gage height 2.65 feet, is considered.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from a boat in the vicinity of the gage.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Channel near gage is largely solid rock; permanent. The control which is probably a long distance downstream (perhaps at Manitou Rapids 37 miles below) is subject to frequent obstructions from log jams. Back-water at gage is also caused by flood stages of Little Fork and Big Fork rivers. On

account of the above conditions no estimates of flow are made from the gage heights for the current year.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum mean daily discharge recorded during year, 11,200 second-feet, December 9; minimum mean daily discharge recorded, 1,220 second-feet, December 26.

1907–1915.—Maximum discharge recorded, 18,100 second-feet September 23 to 28, 1907; minimum discharge recorded, 431 second-feet April 21, 1909.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; estimates of flow as determined from power-house records furnished by Canadian department of public works.

**REGULATION.**—Since the dam and power house of the Minnesota & Ontario Power Co. have been in operation, practically no water has passed over the crest, the entire flow of the river going through the turbines and sluice gates. The plant is run on a 24-hour basis, so that with the exception of the Sunday flow the discharge is fairly uniform. It is, in fact, much more uniform than the natural flow, use being made of the storage capacity of Rainy Lake, which has an area of approximately 344 square miles and a range in stage of about 7 feet.

**ACCURACY.**—During the past two years backwater has been so frequently indicated by discharge measurements that no attempt has been made to estimate discharge from the gage heights. The gage heights are however believed to be excellent.

**COOPERATION.**—Estimates of flow through the power house and results of discharge measurements are furnished by the Canadian Department of Public Works, which maintains the recording gage.

*Discharge measurements of Rainy River at International Falls, Minn., in 1913–1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
1913.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>	1915.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
July 25	B. J. Peterson.....	7.17	a 13,600	Feb. 20	B. F. Smallian.....	3.96	8,170
Aug. 8	.....do.....	4.78	a 10,000	Mar. 11	.....do.....	3.11	7,550
9	.....do.....	5.00	a 10,100	Apr. 22	.....do.....	3.61	8,080
Oct. 10	.....do.....	3.60	6,260	May 12	.....do.....	4.71	8,630
12	.....do.....	3.78	5,640	26	.....do.....	3.81	7,230
1914.				June 25	.....do.....	5.16	8,200
Oct. 7	R. F. Smallian.....	4.61	10,400	29	.....do.....	7.06	6,160
1915.				30	.....do.....	7.78	6,070
Jan. 20	.....do.....	4.91	10,200	July 3	.....do.....	6.06	6,360
Feb. 10	.....do.....	4.31	7,700	Aug. 6	.....do.....	4.26	8,890
				Sept. 1	.....do.....	3.16	7,630
				17	.....do.....	3.21	7,690

a Discharge relation affected by backwater.

**NOTE.**—Discharge measurements in 1913 made by the International Joint Commission, Adolph F. Meyer, consulting engineer. Results of measurements in 1914 and 1915 were furnished by the Canadian Department of Public Works, and a correction of –460.99 feet was applied to the gage heights of these measurements to reduce them to the datum of the United States Geological Survey gage. Additional discharge measurements made in 1913 and 1914 published in Water-Supply Papers 355 and 385.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Rainy River at International Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	5.0	4.1	4.9	5.8	4.1	3.1	3.2	3.4	2.5	7.7	4.4	3.3
2.....	5.0	4.0	5.1	5.8	4.9	3.7	3.2	3.2	2.9	7.1	3.6	3.3
3.....	4.8	5.0	5.0	4.6	4.7	4.0	3.2	3.3	3.0	6.3	4.4	3.6
4.....	3.8	5.2	4.9	4.3	4.6	3.9	2.5	3.5	3.0	5.7	4.6	3.9
5.....	3.6	5.2	4.8	5.5	4.6	3.9	2.6	3.7	3.0	4.8	4.7	2.7
6.....	3.6	5.1	4.2	5.5	4.5	3.8	3.4	3.6	3.1	4.8	4.4	1.2
7.....	4.6	5.1	3.3	5.5	3.8	2.8	3.4	3.7	3.3	5.6	4.4	2.3
8.....	4.9	3.1	4.6	5.5	3.5	2.4	3.5	3.1	3.4	5.5	4.2	3.4
9.....	4.8	3.8	4.8	5.5	4.5	3.6	3.5	2.7	3.6	5.2	4.3	3.5
10.....	4.9	5.0	5.0	4.5	4.6	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.8	4.9	4.4	3.5
11.....	4.0	5.1	5.1	4.1	4.6	3.3	2.6	4.5	3.9	4.6	4.4	3.5
12.....	3.9	5.0	5.3	5.2	4.6	3.4	2.5	4.8	4.2	4.5	4.4	3.3
13.....	5.0	4.9	4.5	5.3	4.3	3.4	3.3	4.9	4.9	4.7	4.5	2.8
14.....	5.2	4.7	4.5	5.3	4.1	2.5	3.7	4.8	6.5	4.6	4.5	3.3
15.....	5.0	3.9	5.4	5.1	3.8	2.4	3.8	4.1	7.6	4.6	4.3	3.5
16.....	5.0	3.8	5.7	5.1	4.2	3.2	3.9	3.7	7.8	4.5	3.8	3.5
17.....	5.0	4.8	5.6	5.0	4.2	3.1	4.0	4.3	7.9	3.8	3.9	3.5
18.....	3.0	5.1	5.5	4.7	4.2	2.9	2.9	5.1	8.1	4.2	4.0	3.7
19.....	3.8	5.6	5.5	5.1	4.3	3.3	2.4	5.9	8.0	3.8	4.0	2.7
20.....	5.0	5.9	4.5	5.1	4.2	3.4	3.6	6.2	7.3	4.3	3.9	2.9
21.....	5.1	6.0	3.8	5.3	3.6	2.4	3.8	6.1	6.6	4.2	3.9	3.7
22.....	5.1	5.3	5.4	5.4	2.9	2.4	3.8	5.1	6.1	4.2	3.6	3.6
23.....	5.2	5.0	5.6	5.5	3.8	3.1	3.8	4.4	5.5	3.9	3.8	3.5
24.....	5.0	5.8	5.9	5.2	3.9	3.1	3.3	3.9	5.3	3.8	3.9	3.8
25.....	4.0	5.7	3.8	5.3	3.8	3.4	2.2	3.7	5.2	4.0	3.9	4.0
26.....	4.2	5.6	1.6	5.6	3.7	3.8	2.7	4.0	5.2	4.2	3.8	2.8
27.....	5.1	5.1	2.4	5.5	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.7	5.4	4.4	3.8	2.7
28.....	5.2	4.6	4.1	5.5	3.5	3.0	4.1	3.8	6.4	4.5	3.8	3.4
29.....	5.3	3.6	5.2	5.5	.....	2.2	4.0	3.0	7.2	4.5	3.5	3.6
30.....	5.2	3.2	5.9	5.6	.....	3.3	4.0	2.6	7.9	4.7	3.2	3.8
31.....	5.2	.....	5.9	5.0	.....	3.3	.....	2.4	.....	4.7	3.4	.....

NOTE.—Discharge relation affected by backwater a large part of the time; see "Accuracy" in station description. Gage heights taken from recording gage sheet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Rainy River at International Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	10,500	7,600	11,000	10,100	7,150	6,660	7,780	8,090	7,200	6,160	9,180	7,470
2.....	10,500	8,940	10,900	10,300	8,290	8,350	7,650	7,410	6,360	6,170	7,940	7,440
3.....	10,000	10,800	11,100	6,610	8,180	8,370	7,440	7,460	7,260	7,070	9,920	8,020
4.....	7,200	10,800	10,900	9,030	8,290	8,300	6,760	8,260	7,310	7,010	10,100	8,780
5.....	8,650	10,800	10,400	10,500	8,080	8,320	6,810	8,270	7,280	6,080	10,200	6,450
6.....	10,400	10,800	7,460	10,100	8,280	8,310	8,080	7,970	7,710	7,630	9,740	3,490
7.....	10,600	10,800	8,270	10,100	6,790	5,760	7,760	8,210	7,360	8,750	9,590	6,040
8.....	10,500	8,270	10,700	10,300	7,190	6,620	8,090	6,940	7,850	8,290	9,310	7,840
9.....	10,500	9,170	11,200	10,400	8,240	7,510	7,870	5,160	7,780	8,100	8,950	7,800
10.....	10,500	10,800	10,700	6,980	8,250	7,360	7,520	8,140	7,770	8,250	9,340	7,740
11.....	7,640	10,800	10,700	8,640	8,360	7,110	5,400	8,940	8,340	7,970	9,720	7,770
12.....	8,830	10,800	10,900	10,400	8,180	7,560	6,310	9,580	7,920	8,550	9,710	7,370
13.....	10,500	10,500	7,220	10,300	7,750	7,460	7,540	9,580	6,850	8,610	6,690	6,670
14.....	10,000	9,950	8,680	10,100	6,360	6,000	8,090	9,600	7,550	8,910	6,690	7,520
15.....	9,270	7,780	9,310	9,600	6,860	6,370	8,110	7,730	6,470	9,050	8,910	7,670
16.....	9,660	8,960	10,200	9,560	6,450	7,340	8,070	8,020	6,450	8,470	8,090	7,750
17.....	9,680	10,300	9,290	9,180	8,210	7,110	8,150	8,430	6,800	7,810	8,440	7,820
18.....	7,460	10,800	9,920	8,220	8,200	7,380	5,680	7,560	7,320	8,720	8,450	8,210
19.....	8,370	11,100	9,990	9,560	8,400	7,630	6,610	8,980	7,060	7,770	8,480	6,290
20.....	10,500	10,700	6,910	9,540	7,960	7,440	8,120	8,710	8,200	9,050	8,460	7,090
21.....	10,500	11,100	7,830	9,510	7,160	6,470	8,180	8,680	7,930	8,630	8,440	8,290
22.....	10,700	10,800	9,120	9,450	6,330	6,330	8,140	6,740	7,670	8,610	8,370	8,070
23.....	11,000	9,190	9,310	8,880	8,440	7,360	8,180	7,190	7,570	7,850	8,010	8,140
24.....	10,400	11,100	9,670	7,940	8,420	7,290	6,440	5,360	8,030	8,830	8,450	8,860
25.....	7,000	10,900	3,450	8,710	8,260	7,600	5,420	7,820	8,090	8,370	8,230	8,830
26.....	9,000	10,900	1,220	9,420	8,000	8,060	7,550	8,310	7,950	8,730	8,300	6,020
27.....	10,600	10,000	3,710	8,810	7,790	8,220	8,280	7,820	6,690	8,850	7,930	6,940
28.....	10,800	9,420	8,320	8,560	7,530	6,830	8,570	7,960	6,640	9,530	7,820	8,040
29.....	10,800	8,320	9,950	9,060	.....	6,730	8,230	6,910	6,340	9,600	7,180	8,300
30.....	10,800	8,170	10,400	9,200	.....	8,230	8,240	6,310	6,320	9,990	7,000	8,550
31.....	10,700	.....	10,000	7,530	.....	7,990	.....	5,800	.....	9,970	7,540	.....

NOTE.—Discharge records furnished by D. W. Jamieson, hydraulic engineer, Department of Public Works, Canada; computed from power-house records.



*Monthly discharge of Rainy River at International Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Month.	Discharge in second-feet.		
	Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.		Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.
October.....	11,000	7,000	9,790	May.....	9,600	5,160	7,800
November.....	11,100	7,600	9,930	June.....	8,340	6,320	7,340
December.....	11,200	1,220	8,990	July.....	9,990	6,080	8,330
January.....	10,500	6,610	9,250	August.....	10,200	7,000	8,750
February.....	8,440	6,330	7,760	September.....	8,860	3,490	7,510
March.....	8,370	5,760	7,360	The year.....	11,200	1,220	8,370
April.....	8,570	5,400	7,500				

NOTE.—Computed by engineers of United States Geological Survey from records furnished by Canadian Department of Public Works.

#### KAWISHIWI RIVER NEAR WINTON, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 20, T. 62 N., R. 11 W., in a pond above the lower dam of the St. Croix Lumber Co., at Kawishiwi Falls, 500 feet above Fall Lake, 3,000 feet below Garden Lake, near the western line of Lake County, 2½ miles east of Winton, St. Louis County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,200 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 21, 1905, to June 30, 1907; and October 14, 1912, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Stevens water-stage recorder installed the last part of September, 1912, by the International Joint Commission, in cooperation with the U. S. Geological Survey, at a point just above right end of dam; well was attached to timbers which were bolted to the vertical rock wall of the right bank of the river; staff gage used as a control of the recording gage was also attached to one of these timbers. The gage shelter was supported by timbers which were bolted to the horizontal portion of the rock wall above all possible high water. On May 27, 1913, the Stevens was replaced by a Friez water-stage recorder. During the high water of June, 1914, the well, together with the float and weight, were carried away by logs. At this time a concrete well was intalled by the International Joint Commission a little below the dam and outside the river channel, and connected with the pool above the dam by a pipe through the dam. The gage was repaired and again put in operation about July 1, 1914. Both water-stage recorders refer to the same datum.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from cable about 1,000 feet above gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—At the gage the river consists of a small deep pool formed by a timber dam without openings which constitutes the control of the gage and is permanent unless the dam is destroyed or alterations are made in the crest. About 200 feet above the dam is a decided falls. The channel does not overflow in the vicinity of the gage. At the measuring section the bed of the stream is rock and boulders and rather rough; the water is very swift except at low stages.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum mean daily discharge recorded during year, 3,760 second-feet June 20; minimum mean daily discharge, 51 second-feet April 29.

1905–1907 and 1912–1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 5,250 second-feet June 5, 1907; minimum discharge, zero August 24, 25, 30, 31, and September 1, 1905; August 6, 8, 1906; and April 23, 24, and 26, 1907.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation not seriously affected by ice; open-channel rating curve assumed applicable. The operation of the water-stage recorder is affected by ice, and the flow from December to March, which, during this part of the year is very constant, is computed from one reading of the staff gage weekly.

**REGULATION.**—The St. Croix Lumber Co. has a dam at the outlet of Garden Lake for controlling the level of water in that lake and for storing water to be used in driving logs over the stretch of rapids between Garden and Fall lakes. This dam is capable of holding the water in Garden Lake about 7 or 8 feet above its natural level at low water before water will flow over the gates. When the water in Garden Lake is held at a high stage, the elevation of water is considerably higher in Farm Lake, and it is understood that the elevation of the surface of White Iron Lake is somewhat affected by the stage of Garden Lake. During the log-driving season, April to November, the water in Garden Lake is held to the elevation of the top of the gates practically all the time. In November some of the gates are opened so that the lake is drawn down to low-water stage and remains so until spring. The St. Croix Lumber Co. has a dam at the outlet of Birch Lake which controls its elevation and is capable of holding the water about 5 feet above low water. This dam is left open during the winter and until the high water of the spring break-up has passed. It is then closed and the lake held as high as possible during the summer. There are a number of low dams in Stony River used for sluicing logs off rapids, but these have no storage of importance back of them. Large volumes of water are allowed to pass through the sluices of the dam at the outlet of Garden Lake for a few hours at a time at regular interval when desired to drive logs from Garden Lake to Fall Lake. At other times gates are closed so that there is only a slight flow caused by leakage through the dam. At other times some of the gates are partly opened to allow sufficient water to pass so that it will not flow over the crest of the dam.

**ACCURACY.**—The records for 1905–1907 were obtained by estimating the flow through the sluice ways of the logging dam at outlet of Garden Lake and are probably not better than fair. The records for the period 1912–1915 are considered good. The control is permanent; the water-stage recorder enables the accurate determination of mean daily gage heights for the portion of the year when there are violent fluctuations due to regulation of the flow in the interest of log driving. The discharge is computed from a well-defined rating table.

**COOPERATION.**—Records from 1905–1907 furnished by the Minnesota Canal & Power Co. For acknowledgment of cooperation with the International Joint Commission in collecting records 1912–1915, see page 14.

*Discharge measurements of Kawishiwi River near Winton, Minn., during the years ending Sept. 30, 1913–1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
1912-13.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>	1913-14.		<i>Feet.</i>	
Oct. 13	S. B. Soulé.....	2.31	818	May 22	S. B. Soulé.....	4.21	2,120
14	.....do.....	.72	109				
14	.....do.....	3.69	1,770	1914-15.			
15	.....do.....	4.98	2,880	Sept. 23 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	1.23	186
Apr. 29	.....do.....	3.63	1,700				
30	.....do.....	.62	81				
Sept. 12	B. J. Peterson.....	.89	163				
13	.....do.....	2.32	810				

<sup>a</sup> Logs lodged on crest of dam which constitutes control for gage; one large log lay lengthwise of the crest and obstructed the flow almost entirely from that portion of the crest.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kawishiwi River near Winton, Minn., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1905-1907 and 1913-1915.*

Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1905.									
1.....		1,693	2,320	0	16.....	3,370	1,172	2,008	
2.....		2,650	2,342	228	17.....	3,097	2,605	193	
3.....		2,070	1,645	910	18.....	2,386	2,194	850	
4.....		1,900	2,050	988	19.....		422	1,887	2,435
5.....		3,192	1,613	1,180	20.....	1,800	1,606	2,387	
6.....		3,192	1,877	1,134	21.....	1,340	3,243	1,406	2,353
7.....		3,766	3,018	1,159	22.....	1,912	2,608	1,288	2,332
8.....		4,131	2,901	2,286	23.....	1,960	2,422	738	2,656
9.....		3,737	1,693	2,200	24.....	1,994	887	0	3,426
10.....		3,736	2,118	1,302	25.....	2,237	1,025	0	3,426
11.....		3,459	2,550	1,400	26.....	2,174	1,878	130	3,554
12.....		2,985	1,840	1,897	27.....		912	622	3,719
13.....		2,818	2,315	2,534	28.....	2,903	2,102	622	3,790
14.....		2,562	846	2,650	29.....	2,921	2,000	492	3,719
15.....		3,088	203	2,294	30.....	2,000	1,149	0	3,581
					31.....		2,300	0	

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1905-6.												
1.....	3,426	1,238	1,083	856	506	360	276	1,682	2,585	2,276	455	400
2.....	3,244	1,210	1,083	837	506	360	289	1,840	2,920	1,152	1,150	360
3.....	2,899	1,210	1,109	837	523	360	289	1,836	2,444	1,095	214	400
4.....	1,458	1,158	1,109	837	506	360	289	1,889	2,353	1,005	750	400
5.....	1,898	1,134	1,134	810	506	360	300	1,930	2,911	1,860	524	400
6.....	2,659	1,134	1,158	783	506	360	300	2,105	3,146	830	0	380
7.....	2,123	1,109	1,158	760	491	345	315	2,650	3,146	880	795	380
8.....	1,350	1,083	1,158	731	491	345	315	2,057	3,096	920	0	416
9.....	1,361	1,060	1,158	731	474	345	330	2,172	3,074	930	848	435
10.....	1,768	1,060	1,158	731	474	345	330	2,880	3,020	950	1,275	435
11.....	2,339	1,039	1,158	713	474	345	345	2,706	3,094	962	1,070	435
12.....	1,711	972	1,185	695	474	336	360	2,150	3,327	985	830	416
13.....	1,341	850	1,158	695	458	330	416	2,370	2,764	1,050	780	400
14.....	1,083	888	1,158	676	458	330	474	1,795	3,144	1,275	708	400
15.....	934	908	1,158	660	435	330	506	1,836	2,685	985	702	360
16.....	843	928	1,099	660	435	330	579	2,057	2,843	950	525	345
17.....	775	928	1,070	660	435	330	660	2,913	3,070	1,546	550	330
18.....	734	928	1,070	642	416	320	760	3,087	2,846	830	600	315
19.....	775	820	1,070	642	416	315	856	3,212	2,940	810	560	300
20.....	820	629	1,050	621	400	315	931	3,055	2,378	830	523	289
21.....	887	671	1,024	621	400	315	1,024	3,008	2,830	840	523	289
22.....	964	700	1,024	600	400	300	1,158	2,987	2,062	840	523	276
23.....	1,083	903	1,024	600	400	300	1,265	3,061	1,344	830	523	276
24.....	1,109	1,288	998	579	380	300	1,491	3,113	2,259	800	523	263
25.....	1,158	1,185	975	579	380	300	1,730	3,005	2,387	745	523	300
26.....	1,210	1,134	951	579	360	300	2,389	2,634	2,251	740	506	289
27.....	1,265	1,109	931	560	360	300	1,654	2,605	2,623	710	491	300
28.....	1,288	1,083	931	540	360	300	2,307	2,605	3,232	1,422	474	289
29.....	1,265	1,060	910	540		289	2,600	2,565	1,870	585	458	276
30.....	1,265	1,060	880	540		289	2,580	2,446	2,050	1,181	435	276
31.....	1,238		880	523		289		2,559		455	400	

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kawishiwi River near Winton, Minn., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1905-1907 and 1913-1915—Continued.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.
<b>1906-7.</b>									
1.....	276	400	660	345	263	200	222	540	5,000
2.....	276	400	642	345	263	210	235	506	5,200
3.....	276	418	621	330	263	210	235	491	5,250
4.....	263	416	600	330	263	210	250	458	5,200
5.....	250	400	579	330	250	210	263	435	5,100
6.....	263	400	579	330	250	210	276	416	4,900
7.....	276	400	579	330	250	210	276	305	4,710
8.....	276	416	540	330	250	210	276	50	4,550
9.....	300	435	523	315	250	200	289	59	4,350
10.....	330	435	506	315	250	200	300	56	4,130
11.....	330	435	506	315	235	200	315	552	4,000
12.....	330	491	491	315	235	200	330	836	3,375
13.....	330	540	474	300	235	200	330	1,265	3,700
14.....	315	592	474	300	235	200	345	1,341	3,440
15.....	300	680	474	300	222	200	345	1,366	2,947
16.....	300	783	474	300	222	200	380	983	2,983
17.....	289	931	474	300	222	200	380	80	3,245
18.....	289	975	474	300	222	200	380	81	2,900
19.....	276	998	435	300	222	190	380	1,329	2,695
20.....	289	998	435	289	210	190	400	2,214	1,327
21.....	300	975	458	289	210	190	400	2,270	1,600
22.....	330	931	416	289	210	190	415	2,400	2,600
23.....	330	910	400	289	210	190	0	1,100	3,810
24.....	330	837	400	289	210	200	0	2,390	3,700
25.....	330	783	400	289	200	200	951	1,677	3,475
26.....	330	783	380	276	200	210	0	3,716	3,320
27.....	330	760	360	276	200	210	880	3,810	1,669
28.....	345	731	360	276	200	222	837	4,120	990
29.....	360	695	360	276	-----	222	731	4,415	970
30.....	380	676	360	263	-----	210	621	4,710	529
31.....	400	-----	360	263	-----	222	-----	4,760	-----

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
<b>1912-13.</b>												
1.....			314	186	150	133	143	2,400	1,950	905	390	304
2.....			310	185	148	133	147	2,360	1,710	1,030	590	441
3.....			302	184	146	133	149	2,340	1,480	1,040	600	794
4.....			290	182	145	132	153	2,360	1,110	1,060	125	227
5.....			278	180	144	131	155	2,180	88	1,060	127	256
6.....			270	177	143	130	157	1,630	504	1,060	289	445
7.....			262	174	142	129	159	1,030	2,330	1,050	347	163
8.....			235	172	140	128	161	1,210	2,840	305	610	272
9.....			235	170	139	127	163	920	3,380	1,340	130	816
10.....		930	235	168	139	127	165	975	3,170	736	130	239
11.....			235	165	138	127	167	133	3,190	940	494	333
12.....			235	163	137	127	169	133	3,040	1,040	541	464
13.....			235	163	136	127	170	332	3,210	989	530	393
14.....	250	747	226	163	135	127	220	854	3,220	1,380	130	326
15.....	346		216	163	134	127	306	1,600	3,190	1,050	541	670
16.....	559		214	163	133	127	339	2,230	2,460	1,300	130	157
17.....	608		211	163	133	128	369	2,680	2,130	1,020	135	157
18.....	478		208	163	133	129	400	1,860	2,960	536	555	157
19.....	460	304	206	163	133	130	432	1,910	2,120	736	381	652
20.....	583	40	203	162	133	131	465	2,380	1,990	738	136	317
21.....	440	98	200	162	133	132	546	2,930	2,960	736	474	154
22.....	276	283	197	161	133	133	630	2,610	2,240	820	571	157
23.....	250	205	196	159	133	133	703	2,070	1,840	906	182	301
24.....	440	302	195	159	133	134	854	1,920	2,630	742	381	807
25.....	358	512	194	158	133	134	1,050	2,580	2,000	1,110	554	262
26.....	122	465	193	157	133	135	1,210	2,980	2,740	1,490	353	266
27.....	105	414	192	156	133	136	1,410	3,190	2,140	1,440	652	322
28.....		382	191	154	133	137	1,580	2,890	2,120	1,730	120	163
29.....		352	190	153	-----	138	1,750	2,650	2,010	1,790	364	621
30.....		327	189	152	-----	139	1,270	2,420	1,980	1,640	378	382
31.....			188	151	-----	141	-----	2,180	-----	1,020	133	-----

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kawishwi River near Winton, Minn., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1905-1907 and 1913-1915—Continued.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
<b>1913-14.</b>												
1.....	382	.....	747	423	314	235	190	996	2,610	2,000	1,640	667
2.....	387	930	742	418	311	70	190	1,120	2,520	1,500	1,720	924
3.....	487	1,050	736	409	308	15	190	1,180	3,800	1,390	1,100	918
4.....	365	1,040	730	400	306	15	190	1,130	4,480	2,000	841	965
5.....	625	908	720	396	303	15	187	1,250	3,870	2,020	271	931
6.....	448	817	714	391	300	15	187	1,730	3,870	2,000	502	1,020
7.....	387	817	703	382	297	60	187	2,430	3,870	1,320	868	976
8.....	729	817	698	374	294	163	187	2,830	2,910	1,360	337	977
9.....	262	817	687	369	292	60	183	2,900	2,520	1,710	176	792
10.....	436	1,360	682	365	289	15	183	3,690	2,520	2,930	515	981
11.....	655	1,310	676	356	286	70	183	3,970	2,240	2,950	696	743
12.....	648	1,270	671	356	283	247	180	3,680	1,150	.....	805	770
13.....	823	1,220	661	356	280	243	180	3,740	1,540	.....	823	776
14.....	638	1,190	650	356	277	239	141	3,490	1,130	.....	829	898
15.....	938	1,140	645	356	274	235	48	3,190	1,520	.....	836	1,030
16.....	1,100	1,130	640	356	272	231	49	2,920	1,200	.....	805	1,100
17.....	1,110	1,110	630	356	269	231	51	2,570	2,140	.....	784	737
18.....	1,010	1,080	625	356	266	231	290	2,630	2,180	.....	811	964
19.....	1,490	868	620	356	263	227	345	2,460	2,000	.....	799	782
20.....	1,490	575	610	356	260	227	239	2,290	1,200	1,120	272	675
21.....	1,470	585	580	356	257	227	247	2,640	1,130	860	170	805
22.....	1,340	590	561	356	254	227	258	2,400	.....	810	414	805
23.....	1,230	590	541	356	252	227	274	2,080	1,860	930	330	1,110
24.....	1,260	347	522	356	250	224	178	2,090	.....	342	817	1,330
25.....	1,570	145	503	356	247	216	73	1,460	1,130	1,490	1,050	785
26.....	1,490	148	484	350	245	216	71	2,120	.....	857	981	1,340
27.....	1,680	148	470	344	242	212	75	1,950	.....	703	866	698
28.....	1,000	148	455	338	239	201	623	2,020	2,520	720	1,130	1,270
29.....	1,540	492	446	332	.....	197	960	2,250	.....	759	854	656
30.....	1,520	747	437	326	.....	197	879	2,700	2,020	1,320	972	793
31.....	1,500	.....	428	320	.....	194	.....	2,930	.....	1,440	1,440	.....
<b>1914-15.</b>												
1.....	880	242	197	235	214	192	170	55	1,480	2,570	640	323
2.....	1,480	794	197	235	213	187	170	55	1,590	2,710	517	645
3.....	1,620	615	197	235	211	182	170	57	1,360	2,570	556	1,300
4.....	495	610	197	235	210	178	170	59	666	1,820	388	1,500
5.....	725	600	197	235	208	173	169	59	1,490	1,710	665	1,220
6.....	730	595	197	235	207	168	168	62	1,400	2,210	435	993
7.....	736	590	197	235	205	163	167	62	1,100	2,200	1,020	1,020
8.....	736	600	197	235	204	165	166	64	658	1,800	972	997
9.....	1,490	600	197	235	203	168	165	66	1,180	1,990	947	.....
10.....	665	595	235	235	201	170	164	66	1,370	1,940	425	.....
11.....	453	585	235	232	200	173	163	68	862	2,310	324	.....
12.....	792	580	235	230	199	175	164	68	1,440	1,510	326	.....
13.....	714	575	235	227	198	177	166	71	2,020	1,440	278	201
14.....	829	824	235	224	197	180	167	986	2,040	2,260	276	313
15.....	485	2,020	235	221	197	180	169	276	2,030	1,950	275	470
16.....	1,090	1,590	235	219	197	180	170	689	2,790	2,730	338	448
17.....	381	1,320	235	216	197	180	180	407	3,100	2,760	366	423
18.....	692	1,120	235	216	197	180	92	380	3,170	2,580	264	351
19.....	687	956	235	216	197	180	87	903	3,500	1,230	83	170
20.....	687	817	235	216	197	180	82	1,790	3,760	914	825	163
21.....	682	709	235	216	197	180	77	1,960	3,620	1,830	774	166
22.....	676	615	235	216	197	179	72	1,580	3,170	1,100	690	525
23.....	564	440	235	216	197	177	67	1,320	2,910	919	1,410	186
24.....	531	274	235	216	197	176	62	1,430	3,160	1,110	922	689
25.....	662	235	235	216	197	174	57	937	3,060	1,690	687	186
26.....	635	197	235	216	197	173	57	.....	3,540	1,180	1,040	186
27.....	630	163	235	216	197	171	57	.....	3,390	1,280	758	780
28.....	524	163	235	216	197	170	53	.....	2,800	1,090	728	227
29.....	142	163	235	216	.....	170	51	.....	2,580	1,160	166	943
30.....	406	163	235	216	.....	170	53	.....	2,690	1,190	136	80
31.....	906	.....	235	216	.....	170	.....	1,080	.....	538	139	.....

NOTE.—Records for 1905-1907 obtained by estimating the flow through the five sluiceways of the logging dam at the outlet of Garden Lake, which are closed by tainter gates. The coefficient for each sluiceway was obtained by a current meter. The estimates of daily flow for these years do not include leakage, which is estimated as follows: July, 1905, 43 second-feet; August, 1905, 62 second-feet; September, 1905, 40 second-feet; October, 1905, 7.5 second-feet; and August, 1906, 27 second-feet.

Discharge Oct. 14, 1912, to Sept. 30, 1915, computed from a rating curve well defined below 3,000 second-feet. Discharge for periods of rapid fluctuations in stage caused by logging operations determined from hourly gage heights taken from recording gage records; discharge during remainder of year determined from mean daily gage heights. Discharge partly estimated on the following days: May 28-June 2, 1913, June 14, 18, 1914, and June 12, 1915.

Record Oct. 14, 1912, to Dec. 31, 1914, is the same as that published in report of Consulting Engineers, International Joint Commission, Lake of the Woods Levels, pp. 276-277, except that only three significant figures are here used.

*Monthly discharge of Kawishiwi River near Winton, Minn., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1905-1907 and 1913-1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,200 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accu- racy.	Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accu- racy.					
	Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.			Maxi- mum.	Mini- mum.	Mean.						
1905.														
June 21-30 .....	2,920	1,080	2,050	.....	1912-13—Contd.									
July .....	4,130	422	2,510	.....	January .....	186	151	166	B.					
August .....	3,020	62	1,480	.....	February .....	150	133	137	B.					
September .....	3,790	40	2,130	.....	March .....	141	127	131	B.					
1905-6.														
October .....	3,430	734	1,500	.....	April .....	1,750	143	520	A.					
November .....	1,290	629	1,020	.....	May .....	3,190	133	1,930	B.					
December .....	1,180	880	1,060	.....	June .....	3,380	88	2,290	A.					
January .....	856	523	672	.....	July .....	1,790	305	1,060	A.					
February .....	506	360	444	.....	August .....	652	120	357	A.					
March .....	353	289	326	.....	September .....	816	154	367	A.					
April .....	2,580	276	902	.....	1913-14.									
May .....	3,110	1,680	2,480	.....	October .....	1,680	262	968	A.					
June .....	3,330	1,340	2,670	.....	November 2-30 .....	1,360	145	807	A.					
July .....	2,280	455	1,010	.....	December .....	747	428	613	B.					
August .....	1,280	.....	615	.....	January .....	423	320	364	B.					
September .....	435	263	348	.....	February .....	314	239	276	B.					
1906-7.														
October .....	400	250	309	.....	March .....	247	15	167	B.					
November .....	998	400	655	.....	April .....	960	48	241	B.					
December .....	660	360	478	.....	May .....	3,970	996	2,410	A.					
January .....	345	263	303	.....	August .....	1,720	170	789	A.					
February .....	263	200	234	.....	September .....	1,340	656	907	A.					
March .....	222	190	204	.....	1914-15.									
April .....	951	.....	364	.....	October .....	1,620	142	733	A.					
May .....	4,760	50	1,490	.....	November .....	2,020	163	645	A.					
June .....	5,250	529	3,550	.....	December .....	235	197	224	B.					
1912-13.														
October .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	January .....	235	216	224	B.					
November .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	February .....	214	197	201	B.					
December .....	314	188	227	B.	March .....	192	163	176	A.					
					April .....	3,000	51	218	B.					
					June .....	3,760	658	2,260	A.					
					July .....	2,760	538	1,750	A.					
					August .....	1,410	83	560	A.					

NOTE.—The maximum and minimum discharge recorded in above table for the years 1905-1907 do not include leakage. Leakage during the months of July, August, September, October, 1905, and August, 1906, is included in the mean discharge given for these months. See footnote to table of daily discharge.

#### VERMILION RIVER BELOW LAKE VERMILION, NEAR TOWER, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 2, T. 63 N., R. 17 W., in St. Louis County, about 100 yards below the dam at the outlet of Vermilion Lake, 4 miles above Twomile Creek, which enters from the west, and about 18 miles across Lake Vermilion from Tower.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—507 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 17, 1911, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff gage attached to a tree at the left bank; read twice daily, to quarter-tenths, by Mrs. A. E. Shively.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—All measurements except two in May, 1914, have been made from a cable just below the gage. These two measurements were made from a boat some distance below the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—The bed of the stream is composed of solid rock and large boulders. A heavy fall a short distance below the gage constitutes a permanent control; banks do not overflow to any considerable extent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 2.7 feet June 27 to July 9, and July 12 (discharge, 930 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.38 foot March 28 to April 5 (discharge, 80 second-feet).

1911-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 3.5 feet June 6 to 11, 1913 (discharge, 1,420 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.22 foot October 1 and 2, 1914 (discharge, 60 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation not affected by ice, owing to the heavy fall at the control section, and to the proximity to Vermilion Lake.

**REGULATION.**—At the outlet of Vermilion Lake, a few hundred feet above the gage, is a loose rock dam, which is used to raise the water surface of the lake for aid in navigation. This dam has no gates, but was repaired on July 19, 1912, thus for a period reducing the flow below normal. From April 28 to May 10, 1914, parts of the dam were removed, and for some time subsequent the flow exceeded normal.

**ACCURACY.**—Results apparently good to excellent, the accuracy probably increasing with the stage. The control is permanent; gage heights reliable, rating curve well defined, the only uncertainty being in low-water discharge measurements, owing to the very rough section at which they were made.

No discharge measurements were made at this station during the year.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Vermilion River below Lake Vermilion, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	208	171	117	111	106	101	80	101	287	930	672	287
2.....	208	171	117	111	106	98	80	106	287	930	672	287
3.....	208	167	117	111	106	98	80	111	272	930	672	272
4.....	208	167	117	111	106	95	80	114	272	930	672	257
5.....	208	167	117	111	106	95	80	117	272	930	540	257
6.....	208	163	117	111	106	90	83	122	287	930	540	231
7.....	208	163	117	111	106	90	86	127	304	930	540	231
8.....	208	163	117	111	106	86	86	130	321	930	540	208
9.....	208	158	117	111	106	86	83	134	321	930	540	187
10.....	208	158	117	111	106	86	83	139	358	870	540	187
11.....	198	158	117	111	106	86	86	163	398	870	515	187
12.....	198	152	114	111	106	86	86	171	398	930	515	187
13.....	198	152	114	111	106	86	90	171	490	870	515	183
14.....	198	148	114	111	106	86	90	163	590	870	515	183
15.....	187	148	114	111	106	86	90	163	618	870	420	177
16.....	187	144	114	111	106	86	90	208	728	870	420	171
17.....	187	144	114	111	106	86	90	208	755	870	420	167
18.....	187	139	114	111	106	86	90	231	755	870	420	163
19.....	187	139	114	111	106	86	90	231	810	870	398	163
20.....	187	134	114	111	106	86	90	257	810	870	398	163
21.....	187	134	114	111	106	83	90	257	810	810	398	163
22.....	183	130	114	106	106	83	90	272	870	755	378	158
23.....	183	130	114	106	106	83	90	272	870	755	378	158
24.....	183	127	114	106	106	83	90	272	870	782	358	152
25.....	183	127	114	106	106	83	95	272	870	782	358	152
26.....	177	122	114	106	106	83	95	272	870	755	358	148
27.....	177	122	114	106	101	83	95	272	930	700	340	148
28.....	177	117	111	106	101	80	98	272	930	700	321	148
29.....	177	117	111	106	.....	80	98	272	930	728	321	144
30.....	171	117	111	106	.....	80	101	272	930	728	321	144
31.....	171	.....	111	106	.....	80	.....	272	.....	645	304	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 60 and 1,100 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Vermilion River below Lake Vermilion, near Tower, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 507 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	208	171	193	0.381	0.44	A.
November.....	171	117	145	.286	.32	A.
December.....	117	111	115	.227	.26	A.
January.....	111	106	109	.215	.25	A.
February.....	106	101	106	.209	.22	A.
March.....	101	80	86.6	.171	.20	A.
April.....	101	80	88.5	.175	.20	A.
May.....	272	101	198	.391	.45	A.
June.....	930	272	607	1.20	1.34	A.
July.....	930	645	843	1.66	1.91	A.
August.....	672	304	461	.909	1.05	A.
September.....	287	144	189	.373	.42	A.
The year.....	930	80	263	.519	7.06	

#### LITTLE FORK RIVER AT LITTLE FORK, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 9, T. 68 N., R. 25 W., at the lower of the two highway bridges at Little Fork, Koochiching County, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles above mouth of Beaver Brook, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles above Big Fork & International Falls Railway bridge.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,720 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 23, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff gage attached to piling supporting the bridge on the downstream side, left end; read twice daily, to quarter-tenths, by T. J. La Chapelle from June 30, 1909 to September 11, 1915, and by G. H. French from September 12 to 30, 1915.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the bridge at medium and high stages; at low stages made by wading a short distance above the bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream composed of sand and gravel with some boulders; banks high and not subject to overflow. Control permanent up to the summer of 1915, but during the high water in June there was a decided shift.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 22.6 feet, at 8 a. m. June 29; minimum stage recorded, 5.3 feet, September 4.

1909–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 22.6 feet, at 8 a. m. June 29, 1915; minimum stage recorded, 4.40 feet, September 5, 1910 (discharge, approximately 40 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; discharge determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**ACCURACY.**—Conditions in the past have been favorable for excellent results, but during the present year an unusually high flood produced a decided shift in channel; estimates of discharge withheld until a more complete rating of the channel in its present condition can be obtained.



*Discharge measurements of Little Fork River at Little Fork, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Dec. 15 <sup>a</sup>	S. B. Soule.....	<i>Fect.</i> 6.02	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 118	Mar. 27 <sup>a</sup>	S. B. Soule.....	<i>Fect.</i> 6.65	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 112
Jan. 19 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	6.16	85	Sept. 13.	H. T. Critchlow.....	5.66	159

<sup>a</sup> Made through ice; complete ice cover at gage and control.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Little Fork River at Little Fork, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	6.2	6.6	6.5	5.65	6.2	6.9	6.7	8.0	9.2	19.4	8.4	5.8
2.....	6.1	6.6	6.5	5.65	6.2	6.9	6.9	8.1	9.4	16.6	8.2	5.6
3.....	6.0	6.6	6.5	5.65	6.2	6.9	7.1	8.4	9.5	14.4	7.9	5.45
4.....	6.0	6.7	6.5	5.7	6.2	6.9	7.5	8.6	9.4	13.4	7.6	5.3
5.....	5.9	6.7	6.5	5.7	6.2	7.0	7.8	9.0	9.6	10.7	7.3	5.45
6.....	5.95	6.8	6.5	5.75	6.2	7.0	8.2	9.2	9.8	9.4	7.0	5.7
7.....	6.2	6.8	6.4	5.8	6.2	7.0	8.4	9.4	10.0	8.8	6.8	5.7
8.....	6.4	6.8	6.4	5.85	6.2	6.9	8.6	9.7	10.4	8.5	6.6	5.7
9.....	6.4	6.7	6.4	5.9	6.2	6.9	8.9	10.0	10.9	8.8	6.4	5.7
10.....	6.5	6.7	6.4	6.0	6.2	6.8	9.3	10.5	12.0	8.9	6.3	5.6
11.....	6.6	6.5	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.8	9.5	10.8	13.4	9.1	6.2	5.6
12.....	6.7	6.4	6.3	6.0	6.2	6.7	9.5	10.8	17.0	9.3	6.2	5.8
13.....	6.8	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.6	9.2	10.5	18.6	9.3	6.2	5.75
14.....	6.8	6.4	6.2	6.0	6.3	6.6	8.6	10.2	19.9	9.2	6.2	5.7
15.....	7.0	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.5	7.9	10.3	20.5	9.0	6.2	5.7
16.....	6.9	6.3	6.1	6.1	6.4	6.5	7.5	12.0	21.4	8.9	6.2	5.65
17.....	6.8	6.3	6.0	6.1	6.5	6.5	7.2	14.8	21.4	8.8	6.3	5.65
18.....	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.1	6.5	6.4	7.1	16.2	21.4	8.6	6.6	5.8
19.....	6.6	6.3	5.95	6.1	6.5	6.4	7.0	16.5	20.2	8.5	6.6	5.75
20.....	6.6	6.4	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.4	7.1	16.7	18.6	8.4	6.6	5.7
21.....	6.5	6.4	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.4	7.2	15.8	16.7	8.6	6.4	5.7
22.....	6.5	6.4	5.85	6.2	6.7	6.4	7.3	13.0	15.3	8.8	6.4	5.7
23.....	6.5	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.7	6.4	7.5	11.1	14.2	8.9	6.5	5.7
24.....	6.8	6.3	5.8	6.2	6.8	6.5	7.8	10.3	14.2	8.9	6.6	5.7
25.....	6.9	6.4	5.75	6.2	6.8	6.5	7.9	10.0	15.2	8.8	6.4	5.85
26.....	7.0	6.4	5.75	6.2	6.8	6.5	8.0	9.8	16.4	8.6	6.2	5.9
27.....	7.0	6.4	5.7	6.2	6.8	6.6	8.1	9.5	18.8	8.4	6.2	5.9
28.....	6.9	6.4	5.7	6.2	6.8	6.6	8.2	9.2	22.1	8.1	6.0	5.8
29.....	6.9	6.4	5.7	6.2	-----	6.6	8.2	9.0	22.4	8.0	6.2	5.9
30.....	6.8	6.4	5.7	6.2	-----	6.6	8.1	9.0	21.4	8.4	6.2	6.0
31.....	6.7	-----	5.7	6.2	-----	6.6	-----	9.1	-----	8.5	5.95	-----

NOTE.—Discharge relation affected by ice Dec. 6, 1914, to Apr. 12, 1915.

## UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER DRAINAGE BASIN.

## MISSISSIPPI RIVER ABOVE SANDY RIVER, NEAR LIBBY, MINN.

LOCATION.—In sec. 25, T. 50 N., R. 24 W., near Libby post office, Atkin County, a short distance above mouth of Sandy River.

DRAINAGE AREA.—4,510 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—September 1, 1895, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Vertical staff gage, just above mouth of Sandy River; gage records not used for determining discharge.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from boat, about 3,000 feet above gage, by an employee of the United States Corps of Engineers stationed at the dam.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of stream composed of sand and silt; no well-defined control.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum discharge recorded during year, 4,980 second-feet, June 30; minimum discharge recorded, 591 second-feet, March 31.

1895-1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 9,572 second-feet, September 20, 1900; minimum discharge recorded, 115 second-feet, February 22, 1896.

WINTER FLOW.—Determined by frequent discharge measurements; discharge interpolated for intervening days.

REGULATION.—Flow of the river is controlled by three Government reservoirs—Lake Winnibigoshish, Leach Lake, Pokegama Falls—for the purpose of increasing the low-water open-season flow in the interests of navigation.

COOPERATION.—Station maintained by United States Engineer Corps to determine flow of river above Sandy Lake Reservoir.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Mississippi River above Sandy River, near Libby, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	2,270	1,580	807	678	713	844	607	1,060	2,220	4,970	2,160	2,190
2.....	2,240	1,540	813	677	720	822	623	1,120	2,240	4,960	2,150	2,200
3.....	2,210	1,520	820	676	727	800	639	1,170	2,260	4,960	2,150	2,200
4.....	2,180	1,480	826	674	735	777	655	1,230	2,280	4,950	2,150	2,210
5.....	2,150	1,450	833	672	742	755	672	1,280	2,300	4,940	2,140	2,220
6.....	2,120	1,420	840	671	750	732	688	1,340	2,320	4,940	2,140	2,230
7.....	2,090	<sup>a</sup> 1,390	847	670	758	710	704	<sup>a</sup> 1,390	2,340	4,930	2,140	<sup>a</sup> 2,230
8.....	2,060	1,360	854	668	<sup>a</sup> 765	687	720	1,500	2,360	4,930	2,130	2,240
9.....	2,030	1,330	<sup>a</sup> 861	<sup>a</sup> 667	758	<sup>a</sup> 665	736	1,600	<sup>a</sup> 2,380	<sup>a</sup> 4,920	<sup>a</sup> 2,130	2,260
10.....	<sup>a</sup> 2,000	1,300	850	672	750	664	752	1,710	2,540	4,880	2,120	2,270
11.....	2,000	1,260	838	678	742	663	768	1,810	2,700	4,830	2,120	2,280
12.....	1,990	1,230	827	683	734	662	784	1,920	2,860	4,790	2,120	2,290
13.....	1,990	1,200	815	689	726	661	800	2,020	3,020	4,750	2,110	2,300
14.....	1,990	1,170	804	696	718	660	817	2,120	3,190	4,700	2,110	2,310
15.....	1,990	1,140	793	<sup>a</sup> 702	<sup>a</sup> 709	659	833	2,230	3,350	4,660	2,110	<sup>a</sup> 2,320
16.....	1,990	1,100	781	703	709	658	849	2,330	<sup>a</sup> 3,520	<sup>a</sup> 4,620	2,110	2,290
17.....	<sup>a</sup> 1,980	1,070	<sup>a</sup> 770	704	709	<sup>a</sup> 657	865	2,440	3,640	4,450	<sup>a</sup> 2,100	2,260
18.....	1,970	1,040	758	705	709	655	881	<sup>a</sup> 2,540	3,770	4,280	2,100	2,230
19.....	1,950	1,010	747	705	709	653	897	2,490	3,900	4,110	2,090	2,200
20.....	1,930	973	736	706	709	651	913	2,440	4,030	3,940	2,080	2,160
21.....	1,920	941	725	706	<sup>a</sup> 708	649	929	2,390	4,160	3,760	2,080	2,130
22.....	1,900	909	713	707	730	647	945	2,340	4,280	3,590	2,070	2,100
23.....	1,880	876	702	708	752	645	<sup>a</sup> 961	2,290	4,360	3,420	2,060	2,060
24.....	<sup>a</sup> 1,860	<sup>a</sup> 844	691	<sup>a</sup> 709	775	643	966	<sup>a</sup> 2,230	<sup>a</sup> 4,490	<sup>a</sup> 3,250	<sup>a</sup> 2,050	<sup>a</sup> 2,030
25.....	1,830	837	<sup>a</sup> 680	708	797	636	971	2,230	4,590	3,100	2,050	2,050
26.....	1,790	830	680	708	819	628	976	2,220	4,690	2,940	2,090	2,070
27.....	1,750	822	680	707	842	620	981	2,220	4,780	2,780	2,100	2,080
28.....	1,720	814	680	707	<sup>a</sup> 866	613	986	2,220	4,880	2,630	2,120	2,100
29.....	1,680	807	680	707	.....	606	991	2,210	4,920	2,470	2,140	2,120
30.....	1,640	800	680	706	.....	598	<sup>a</sup> 1,010	2,200	4,980	2,220	2,160	<sup>a</sup> 2,130
31.....	1,610	.....	<sup>a</sup> 679	<sup>a</sup> 706	.....	<sup>a</sup> 591	.....	2,200	.....	<sup>a</sup> 2,160	<sup>a</sup> 2,180	.....

<sup>a</sup> Discharge measurement.

NOTE.—Discharge determined by interpolation between measurements.

*Monthly discharge of Mississippi River above Sandy River, near Libby, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 4,510 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in millions of cubic feet).
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
October.....	2,270	1,610	1,960	5,250
November.....	1,580	800	1,130	2,940
December.....	861	679	768	2,060
January.....	709	667	693	1,860
February.....	866	708	746	1,800
March.....	844	591	675	1,810
April.....	1,010	607	831	2,150
May.....	2,540	1,060	1,950	5,230
June.....	4,980	2,220	3,440	8,930
July.....	4,970	2,160	4,090	11,000
August.....	2,180	2,050	2,120	5,670
September.....	2,320	2,030	2,190	5,680
The year.....	4,980	591	1,720	54,380

NOTE.—Computed by engineers of the United States Geological Survey from daily discharge record furnished by the United States Engineer Corps.

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ELK RIVER, MINN.

LOCATION.—In sec. 3, T. 121 N., R. 23 W., at highway bridge in Elk River, about 2,500 feet below the mouth of Elk River, Sherburne County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—14,500 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—July 22 to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage bolted to the handrail of the bridge, downstream side, near right bank.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from the downstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of stream is sand and gravel; no well-defined control; banks high and not subject to overflow.

EXTREMES OF STAGE.—Maximum stage recorded since station was established, 6.8 feet July 22; minimum stage recorded, 3.9 feet September 1, 2, and 5.

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

REGULATION.—The nearest dam above the station on the Mississippi is at St. Cloud, 40 miles upstream. An observed systematic diurnal fluctuation at the gage of about 0.1 of a foot is doubtless due to the regulation at St. Cloud; but most of the effect of regulation is equalized before reaching the station. The flow of the river is controlled by Government dams on the upper river for the purpose of increasing the low-water open-season flow in the interests of navigation.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Discharge measurements of Mississippi River at Elk River, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Aug. 10.....	4.40	5,620
Sept. 30.....	4.15	5,180

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Mississippi River at Elk River, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	.....	5.5	3.9	11.....	.....	4.3	4.0	21.....	.....	4.0	4.3
2.....	.....	5.4	3.9	12.....	.....	4.4	4.0	22.....	.....	6.8	4.1
3.....	.....	5.4	4.0	13.....	.....	4.4	4.0	23.....	.....	6.6	4.1
4.....	.....	5.1	4.0	14.....	.....	4.4	4.1	24.....	.....	6.5	4.2
5.....	.....	4.9	3.9	15.....	.....	4.4	4.2	25.....	.....	6.2	4.2
6.....	.....	4.8	4.0	16.....	.....	4.2	4.2	26.....	.....	6.0	4.1
7.....	.....	4.7	4.1	17.....	.....	4.2	4.1	27.....	.....	5.9	4.0
8.....	.....	4.7	4.1	18.....	.....	4.2	4.1	28.....	.....	5.8	4.0
9.....	.....	4.5	4.0	19.....	.....	4.1	4.3	29.....	.....	5.8	4.0
10.....	.....	4.4	4.1	20.....	.....	4.1	4.1	30.....	.....	5.7	4.0
								31.....	.....	5.6	4.0

#### MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—At the Chicago Great Western Railway bridge near the foot of Robert Street, St. Paul, 6 miles below the mouth of Minnesota River, in Ramsey County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—35,700 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 1, 1892, to September 30, 1915. The U. S. Signal Service (later U. S. Weather Bureau) has published gage-height records since 1873; many discharge measurements made prior to 1900 by the U. S. Engineer Corps.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage installed May 9, 1913, on the handrail, downstream side, of Chicago Great Western Railway bridge, near the foot of Robert Street; read once daily to tenths, by the U. S. Weather Bureau. From 1911 to May 9, 1913, the gage was a vertical staff gage attached to a piling on left bank of river, about 800 feet upstream from the present gage. Prior to 1911 a vertical staff gage on the Diamond Joe Line wharf, at the foot of Jackson Street, about 400 feet below the chain gage, was used. The datum of all three gages is the same, allowance being made for the slight slope in the river between their locations.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway bridge 2 miles above the station.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel somewhat shifting; no well-defined control; the banks fairly high; have not overflowed in recent years.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 10.5 feet April 5 (discharge, 31,100 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 0.7 foot December 13 (discharge, 4,180 second-feet); but minimum flow during period when river was frozen over was considerably less.

1892-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 18.0 feet April 6, 1897 (discharge, 80,800 second-feet; highest known discharge occurred July 22, 1867, and amounted to 117,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, -0.9 foot March 22, 1896 (discharge, 1,420 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; estimates of monthly mean flow based on the records obtained by U. S. Engineer Corps at lock and dam No. 2, below Minneapolis, allowance being made for the flow of the Minnesota River.

**REGULATION.**—During extreme low water regulation of the flow through the turbines at the nearest dam in Minneapolis may cause diurnal fluctuation of stage at St. Paul. The flow is regulated by Government reservoirs on the headwaters at Lake Winnebigoishish, Leach Lake, Pokegama Lake, Sandy Lake, Pine River, and Gull Lake, for the purpose of increasing the low-water open-season flow in the interests of navigation, but the effect of this regulation is very gradual at St. Paul.

**ACCURACY.**—Results apparently good. The one reading a day probably does not represent the mean daily stage very accurately, although occasional additional readings have shown that it was not seriously in error. Rating curve is, however, well defined and it is believed that the possible error is but a small percentage of the total flow. Although the base data for estimating the daily flow of the river are available for years prior to 1892, the reservoir system, which has had a marked influence on the regimen of the river was then in complete operation, and it is evident that the earlier records have lost much of their value as indications of probable future flow.

**COOPERATION.**—Gage-height record furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau. Data upon which mean monthly flow during winter periods have been based, furnished by United States Corps of Engineers.

The following discharge measurement was made by Soulé and Critchlow:

August 16, 1915: Gage height, 5.58 feet; discharge, 14,100 second-feet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Mississippi River at St. Paul, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	10,800	9,960	6,630			10,800	27,900	14,900	20,000	27,100	20,000	9,700
2.....	10,600	9,050	7,010			11,300	28,200	15,200	20,300	27,900	19,000	9,480
3.....	10,100	8,840	6,450			11,300	29,800	14,600	20,600	28,200	18,700	9,480
4.....	9,920	8,630	5,910			11,500	30,700	13,800	20,000	28,600	18,700	9,480
5.....	9,480	8,420	5,560			11,300	31,100	14,400	19,300	28,600	18,100	9,700
6.....	9,260	8,420	5,220			12,500	30,700	15,500	19,300	27,900	18,100	9,050
7.....	9,480	8,420	5,730			15,200	30,200	15,500	18,700	27,900	18,100	9,050
8.....	9,050	8,210	6,450			12,200	29,800	15,500	17,800	28,200	18,400	9,050
9.....	8,630	7,800	6,090			10,600	29,400	16,000	16,900	27,100	18,400	8,840
10.....	8,840	7,600	5,560			9,920	29,400	16,300	16,900	26,700	18,400	8,630
11.....	8,630	7,600	4,570		4,350	8,210	29,000	16,000	16,300	26,700	17,500	8,840
12.....	9,050	7,400	4,300			7,600	28,200	15,800	16,300	26,000	16,900	8,840
13.....	9,480	7,600	4,180			7,600	27,900	15,200	17,200	25,600	16,300	8,420
14.....	10,800	7,800				7,400	27,500	14,900	17,200	26,300	15,200	9,050
15.....	11,000	7,800				7,010	27,100	14,400	18,700	26,300	14,600	9,260
16.....	11,500	7,200		> 4,200		7,200	26,300	13,800	20,000	26,300	13,800	9,700
17.....	12,000	5,560				7,600	25,200	14,100	20,600	26,000	13,300	9,920
18.....	12,800	5,050				8,420	23,700	14,400	21,000	25,600	12,800	9,920
19.....	13,300	4,720				9,050	22,300	15,800	21,300	25,600	12,500	9,920
20.....	12,500	4,880				10,100	21,000	16,600	21,600	26,300	12,000	10,600
21.....	12,500	4,880		3,860		11,500	19,300	18,700	22,300	27,100	12,000	10,100
22.....	12,500	4,720				12,500	18,100	19,300	22,300	27,100	12,000	10,400
23.....	12,000	5,220				6,270	13,300	17,200	19,300	22,300	12,000	9,700
24.....	11,500	5,560				6,820	14,600	16,000	19,300	22,300	11,800	9,480
25.....	11,000	6,090				8,630	16,900	15,200	18,700	22,700	11,300	9,480
26.....	11,000	6,270				10,400	19,300	14,600	19,700	22,300	11,300	9,260
27.....	10,100	6,630				11,300	21,300	14,900	20,000	22,300	11,000	9,700
28.....	9,700	6,270				11,300	23,400	15,500	20,300	23,000	10,600	9,480
29.....	9,920	6,450					25,200	15,500	19,300	24,100	10,600	9,480
30.....	9,480	6,630					26,300	15,500	19,700	25,600	10,100	9,700
31.....	9,480						27,100		19,700		20,600	10,100

**NOTE.**—Discharge computed from a rating curve fairly well defined between 4,570 and 18,400 second-feet. Discharge Dec. 14 to Feb. 22, estimated, because of ice, from records of discharge at lock and dam No. 2 by U. S. Engineer Corps and the flow of the Minnesota River at Mankato; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Mississippi River at St. Paul, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accuracy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
October.....	13,300	8,630	10,500	B.
November.....	9,960	4,720	6,990	B.
December.....	7,010	.....	4,620	C.
January.....	.....	.....	4,200	C.
February.....	11,300	.....	5,370	C.
March.....	27,100	7,010	13,200	B.
April.....	31,100	14,600	23,900	B.
May.....	20,300	13,800	16,700	B.
June.....	25,600	16,300	20,300	B.
July.....	28,600	20,600	26,200	B.
August.....	20,000	10,100	14,600	B.
September.....	10,600	8,420	9,460	B.
The year.....	31,100	.....	13,000	

#### SANDY RIVER BELOW SANDY LAKE RESERVOIR, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—At Sandy Lake dam, near Libby post office, Atkins County, 1 mile above the mouth of the river.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—424 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 7, 1893, to Sept. 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—No discharge measurements were made during the year.

**DISCHARGE.**—Computed from the flow through the openings of the dam.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum discharge recorded during year, 808 second-feet April 15; minimum discharge recorded, 5 second-feet at frequent intervals whenever the gates are closed in all about one-third of the year.

1893–1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 3,738 second-feet July 12, 1897; minimum discharge recorded, zero at frequent intervals from 1893 to 1912.

**REGULATION.**—The flow at the station is wholly controlled by Sandy Lake reservoir.

At low stages the area of the reservoir is 8 square miles, and at high stages 16.5 square miles. These areas, with a range of 9.4 feet, give a capacity of 3,127,900,000 cubic feet.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered excellent for medium and high stages. During extreme floods the Mississippi drowns out the dam and fills Sandy Lake reservoir as much as 3 feet higher than was intended. If the Mississippi is at a fairly high stage and the dam is open, there is occasionally a slight reverse flow into the reservoir, but the amount has not been computed.

**COOPERATION.**—Records of discharge as published as furnished by the U. S. Engineer Corps, which maintains the station for the purpose of measuring the flow from the Sandy Lake reservoir, one unit in the Government reservoir system at the headwaters of the Mississippi.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Sandy River below Sandy Lake reservoir, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	5	5	5	99	102	152	51	5	5	499	10	200
2.....	68	5	5	101	100	148	51	5	5	500	10	203
3.....	5	5	5	101	98	150	50	5	5	500	10	10
4.....	5	5	25	100	101	149	50	5	5	500	10	10
5.....	5	5	102	99	100	151	51	5	5	500	10	10
6.....	82	5	99	101	101	152	50	5	10	503	10	10
7.....	5	5	100	102	99	150	50	5	10	503	10	10
8.....	5	5	101	100	100	151	50	5	10	425	10	10
9.....	5	5	99	101	100	151	51	5	10	419	10	10
10.....	5	5	101	99	99	149	51	5	10	406	10	10
11.....	82	5	101	100	100	150	50	5	10	238	10	10
12.....	108	5	99	101	99	150	51	5	10	114	10	10
13.....	5	5	101	101	102	150	50	5	10	119	10	10
14.....	5	5	98	100	99	150	218	5	10	660	10	10
15.....	5	5	101	100	102	152	808	5	10	635	10	10
16.....	5	5	100	99	100	151	570	5	10	445	10	10
17.....	5	5	98	102	99	150	5	5	10	272	10	10
18.....	5	5	102	101	100	50	5	5	10	192	10	10
19.....	5	5	100	100	125	51	5	5	10	104	10	10
20.....	5	5	100	101	125	51	5	5	10	107	10	10
21.....	5	5	100	99	127	50	5	5	10	88	10	10
22.....	5	5	102	102	125	50	5	5	10	91	10	10
23.....	5	5	101	100	127	50	5	5	10	47	10	10
24.....	126	5	101	101	150	51	5	5	10	10	10	10
25.....	294	5	99	101	150	51	5	5	10	10	10	10
26.....	5	5	100	100	152	50	5	5	10	10	10	10
27.....	5	5	101	101	151	50	5	5	52	10	10	10
28.....	5	5	100	99	151	50	5	5	500	10	10	10
29.....	5	5	101	102	.....	50	5	5	500	10	10	10
30.....	5	5	100	99	.....	50	5	5	500	10	10	10
31.....	5	.....	101	101	.....	50	.....	5	.....	10	200	.....

*Monthly discharge of Sandy River below Sandy Lake reservoir, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in millions of cubic feet.)
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
October.....	294	5	28.5	76.5
November.....	5	5	5.00	13.0
December.....	102	5	88.6	237
January.....	102	99	100	269
February.....	152	99	114	275
March.....	152	50	105	282
April.....	808	5	77.4	201
May.....	5	5	5.00	13.4
June.....	500	5	59.6	154
July.....	660	10	256	687
August.....	200	10	16.1	43.2
September.....	203	10	22.8	59.0
The year.....	808	5	73.2	2,310

NOTE.—Computed by engineers of the United States Geological Survey from daily discharge record furnished by the United States Engineer Corps.

#### PINE RIVER BELOW PINE RIVER RESERVOIR, MINN.

LOCATION.—In T. 137 N., R. 27 W., just below the dam at the outlet of Cross Lake, which is 15 miles above the mouth of the river, in the central part of Crow Wing County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—452 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—January 1, 1895, to September 30, 1915. Records of monthly mean discharge and total monthly discharge from April, 1886, to November, 1893, are published in Report of Chief Engineers, United States Army, for 1894, Part 3, p. 1707.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made by an employee of United States Engineer Corps, stationed at the reservoir.

DISCHARGE.—Determined from daily gage heights representing the head at the dam and from the various size openings in the dam. Discharge measurements are made about once a week to check these estimates.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum discharge during year, 520 second-feet, September 18; minimum discharge recorded, 71 second-feet, August 27 to 30.

1895-1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 1,586 second-feet, June 29, 1901; minimum discharge recorded, zero, June 8 to 15, 17, 19, and 20, 1906.

WINTER FLOW.—Estimates made as during open-water periods; see paragraph on discharge.

REGULATION.—Flow wholly controlled by Government reservoir at station. The area of the reservoir at low water is 18 square miles; at high water 24 square miles. These areas, with a range of 16.15 feet, give a capacity of 7,732,900,000 cubic feet. The dam raises the water in Cross, Pine, Daggett, Rush, Whitefish, Trout, and Hay lakes by varying amounts.

ACCURACY.—Results considered good.

COOPERATION.—Station maintained by United States Engineer Corps for the purpose of measuring the flow from Pine River reservoir, the lowest in the present system of Government reservoirs on the headwaters of the Mississippi.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Pine River below Pine River reservoir, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	488	290	283	289	287	359	352	a 116	122	110	77	292
2.....	489	289	282	a 286	287	359	353	116	122	111	77	293
3.....	a 490	289	281	286	287	359	a 354	116	122	a 112	76	294
4.....	490	288	280	286	287	358	354	116	122	112	76	a 295
5.....	490	288	a 279	286	287	358	354	116	a 124	112	76	295
6.....	491	287	279	286	a 287	a 358	354	115	124	113	75	295
7.....	491	a 287	280	286	287	358	354	115	124	113	a 75	296
8.....	492	287	281	286	287	359	355	a 115	124	113	75	296
9.....	492	287	282	a 287	287	359	355	115	123	113	75	296
10.....	a 493	287	283	287	287	360	a 355	115	123	a 114	75	296
11.....	-493	287	285	287	287	360	355	116	123	114	75	a 297
12.....	494	288	a 287	288	287	361	355	116	a 123	114	75	508
13.....	495	288	287	288	a 287	a 361	356	118	122	75	75	510
14.....	496	a 288	287	288	288	356	356	118	112	75	a 75	512
15.....	497	289	288	289	289	352	356	a 120	112	75	75	514
16.....	498	290	288	a 289	290	350	a 357	120	110	75	75	516
17.....	a 499	291	288	288	292	348	357	120	110	a 75	75	518
18.....	397	292	289	287	294	346	355	120	109	75	74	a 520
19.....	395	293	a 289	286	340	345	353	120	a 109	75	74	518
20.....	392	294	289	285	a 342	a 345	350	119	109	75	74	516
21.....	250	a 295	290	284	342	346	348	119	109	75	a 73	515
22.....	248	294	290	283	343	347	347	a 119	109	75	73	514
23.....	246	293	291	a 283	344	348	346	119	109	75	73	513
24.....	a 244	291	292	284	349	349	a 344	119	109	a 75	73	512
25.....	251	290	293	284	351	350	106	119	109	76	72	a 511
26.....	260	288	a 294	285	355	351	108	120	a 108	76	72	511
27.....	265	285	294	285	a 359	a 353	110	120	108	76	71	508
28.....	270	a 283	293	286	359	353	112	120	108	77	a 71	505
29.....	275	283	293	286	.....	352	112	a 121	108	77	71	505
30.....	285	283	292	a 287	.....	352	114	121	108	77	71	505
31.....	a 290	.....	292	287	.....	351	.....	121	.....	a 78	290	.....

a Discharge measurement.



*Monthly discharge of Pine River below Pine River reservoir, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Run-off (total in millions of cubic feet).
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
October.....	499	244	401	1,080
November.....	295	283	289	749
December.....	294	279	287	769
January.....	289	283	286	767
February.....	359	287	310	749
March.....	361	345	354	947
April.....	357	106	305	789
May.....	121	115	118	316
June.....	124	108	115	298
July.....	114	75	89.9	241
August.....	290	71	81.0	217
September.....	520	292	433	1,120
The year.....	520	71	255	8,040

NOTE.—Computed by engineers of the United States Geological Survey from daily discharge record furnished by the United States Engineer Corps.

#### CROW WING RIVER AT MOTLEY, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge at the north edge of the village of Motley, about a quarter of a mile north of the Northern Pacific Railway station and about 2 miles above the mouth of Long Prairie River, the nearest tributary, in Cass County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,140 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 10 to November 30, 1909, and April 17, 1913, to September 30, 1915. The records for 1909 consist of discharge measurements and gage heights only.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff in two sections; read twice daily, to quarter-tenths, by S. W. Jacobs. Lower section is attached to an old log bulkhead which constituted the abutment of a former bridge, and is about 20 feet above the upstream edge of the bridge at the left bank; upper section is attached to an old piling just back of the lower section.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the upstream side of the bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—The bed of the stream is sand and gravel; fairly permanent. The banks do not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year: 8.75 feet at 6 p. m., June 29 (discharge, 4,780 second-feet); minimum open-water stage recorded, 6.25 feet, Sept. 9, 10, and 11 (discharge, 681 second-feet). A considerably lower flow occurred during December and January. Discharge measurement December 16, 1914, indicated a flow of 441 second-feet, which is probably not far from the absolute minimum for the year.

1913-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 10.3 feet at 9 a. m. June 11, 1914 (discharge, 6,940 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 6.0 feet June 17 and 18, 1913 (discharge, 528 second-feet). A flow of 417 second-feet was measured by current meter on February 26, 1914; the absolute minimum was probably less than this amount.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Nearest dam above station is at outlet of Lower Crow Wing Lake, about 67 miles above Motley; regulation at this point has very little effect at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered good; channel does not shift materially. Since the establishment of the station in 1913 there has been no trouble from backwater caused by log jams.

*Discharge measurements of Crow Wing River at Motley, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
Dec. 16 <sup>1a</sup>	S. B. Soulé.....	<i>Fect.</i> 6.81	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 441	June 29	S. B. Soulé.....	<i>Fect.</i> 8.10	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 3,420
Jan. 20 <sup>1a</sup>	.....do.....	7.28	520	Sept. 16 <sup>b</sup>	H. T. Critchlow.....	6.44	821
Mar. 28 <sup>1a</sup>	.....do.....	8.33	1,340				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Small amount of grass in section at gage; control apparently open.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Crow Wing River at Motley, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,120	1,240						1,240	1,310	3,830	1,450	744
2.....	1,060	1,240						1,240	1,180	3,620	1,380	730
3.....	952	1,180						1,450	1,060	3,420	1,240	724
4.....	905	1,120						1,840	1,010	3,220	1,180	710
5.....	905	1,060					1,460	2,190	1,060	3,020	1,120	710
6.....	858	1,060						2,460	1,180	2,920	1,060	698
7.....	858	1,060						2,640	1,180	2,740	1,060	698
8.....	905	1,010						2,640	1,180	2,550	1,010	687
9.....	1,060	1,010						2,550	1,180	2,460	952	681
10.....	1,240	952					1,600	2,370	1,180	2,370	952	681
11.....	1,930	952					1,520	2,280	1,310	2,280	905	681
12.....	2,370	952					1,450	2,190	1,450	2,280	858	737
13.....	2,460	952					1,380	1,840	2,100	2,190	826	771
14.....	2,640	952					1,310	1,600	2,370	2,100	818	794
15.....	2,640	952					1,180	1,760	2,640	2,100	818	802
16.....	2,550		594	508	567	813	1,180	2,460	2,830	2,020	818	802
17.....	2,460						1,180	3,020	3,020	2,020	778	794
18.....	2,280						1,120	3,620	3,220	2,020	751	786
19.....	2,190						1,120	3,620	3,220	2,100	744	771
20.....	2,020						1,060	3,420	3,220	2,100	744	744
21.....	1,840						1,010	3,120	3,220	2,020	724	737
22.....	1,680						1,010	2,920	3,020	2,020	724	710
23.....	1,600	869					952	2,740	2,830	1,840	724	710
24.....	1,520						1,240	2,550	2,640	1,760	717	710
25.....	1,450						1,310	2,370	2,460	1,600	710	710
26.....	1,450						1,240	2,100	2,280	1,450	710	710
27.....	1,380						1,240	1,930	2,460	1,600	710	737
28.....	1,310						1,240	1,760	3,020	1,600	786	744
29.....	1,310						1,240	1,600	4,040	1,520	794	751
30.....	1,310						1,240	1,450	3,620	1,450	794	778
31.....	1,310						.....	1,380	.....	1,450	810	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve fairly well defined between 778 and 3,620 second-feet. Discharge, Nov. 16 to Apr. 9, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observers' notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Crow Wing River at Motley, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,140 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	2,640	858	1,600	0.748	0.86	B.
November.....	1,240		958	.448	.50	C.
December.....			594	.278	.32	C.
January.....			508	.237	.27	C.
February.....			567	.265	.28	C.
March.....			813	.380	.44	C.
April.....		952	1,300	.607	.68	C.
May.....	3,620	1,240	2,270	1.06	1.22	B.
June.....	4,040	1,010	2,220	1.04	1.16	B.
July.....	3,830	1,450	2,250	1.05	1.21	B.
August.....	1,450	710	892	.417	.48	A.
September.....	802	681	735	.343	.38	A.
The year.....	4,040		1,230	.575	7.80	

#### LONG PRAIRIE RIVER NEAR MOTLEY, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 19, T. 133 N., R. 31 W., 100 yards above the highway bridge 1 mile south of Motley, and 2 miles above the mouth of the river, in Morrison County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—973 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 10, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff attached to an overhanging stump on the right bank of the river, just opposite the residence of Clem Thompson; read twice daily, morning and evening, to half-tenths, by Mrs. Clem Thompson.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of highway bridge 100 yards below the gage; low-stage measurements made by wading a short distance above gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream is light gravel and is practically permanent; left bank rather low and will overflow at extreme flood stages; right bank high and will not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 8.5 feet July 1 and 3 (discharge, 1,980 second-feet); minimum open-water stage recorded, 5.3 feet November 15, 16, and 17 (discharge, 178 second-feet). A discharge of 87 second-feet was recorded by measurement made December 17.

1909–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 9.95 feet at 6 a. m. May 6, 1912 (discharge, 2,960 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 4.66 feet July 16, 17, and 19, 1911 (discharge, 47 second-feet). A flow of 39 second-feet was measured by current meter on February 27, 1914; the absolute minimum is probably about 30 second-feet.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; results considered good; channel does not shift materially.

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*Discharge measurements of Long Prairie River near Motley, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Dec. 17 <sup>a</sup>	S. B. Soulé.....	<i>Feet.</i> 5.61	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 87	June 30	S. B. Soulé.....	<i>Feet.</i> 7.51	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 1,360
Jan. 21 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	6.42	101	Sept. 15 <sup>b</sup>	H. T. Critchlow.....	5.78	251
Mar. 29 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	7.59	523				

<sup>a</sup> Measurement made through ice.

<sup>b</sup> Considerable grass in channel.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Long Prairie River near Motley, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	212	312						455	430	1,980	505	
2.....	172	312						380	380	1,840	505	
3.....	163	333					835	417	380	1,980	505	
4.....	333	333						455	380	1,280	455	
5.....	290	312						492	380	1,220	455	
6.....	270	312					980	530	333	980	455	230
7.....	290	312					980	530	333	585	455	
8.....	333	290					920	530	333	380	455	
9.....	405	290					860	530	333	455	455	
10.....	455	270					805	530	333	455	455	
11.....	480	290					695	455	333	505	380	
12.....	480	290					640	380	333	505	380	240
13.....	558	290					640	380	980	612	333	240
14.....	585	290					585	380	980	668	333	240
15.....	612	178	75	100	100	280	585	430	980	695	333	240
16.....	640	178					585	980	980	722	333	240
17.....	640						585	980	980	722	333	220
18.....	640						563	980	980	890	333	220
19.....	612						541	980	980	890	333	220
20.....	612	205					519	980	980	890	290	220
21.....	585						496	980	980	805	270	220
22.....	558						474	980	980	805	270	220
23.....	480						452	920	980	805	270	220
24.....	455						430	920	980	750	270	220
25.....	405	290					430	750	980	640	270	220
26.....	380	290					430	695	980	585	231	250
27.....	380	290					430	530	1,040	585	231	250
28.....	356	290					455	558	1,040	585	231	231
29.....	333	290					455	515	1,400	530	231	231
30.....	312	290					455	473	1,340	530	195	231
31.....	290						430			530	195	

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, computed from a rating curve well defined between 80 and 1,650 second-feet. Discharge estimated Nov. 17-24, Dec. 1 to Apr. 5, because of ice, from discharge measurements, gage heights, observer's notes, and weather records; Sept. 1-11 estimated on the basis of the flow of the Crow Wing River at Motley, Minn. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included. Estimates Oct. 1 to Nov. 10 and July 10 to Sept. 30 made by indirect method for shifting channel on account of backwater at the gage, caused by growth of aquatic plants in channel. Discharge interpolated Apr. 18-23, May 3-5, 11, 29, and 30.

*Monthly discharge of Long Prairie River near Motley, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 973 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	640	163	430	0.442	0.51	B.
November.....	333	178	266	.273	.30	B.
December.....			75	.077	.09	C.
January.....			100	.103	.12	C.
February.....			100	.103	.11	C.
March.....			280	.288	.33	C.
April.....		430	639	.657	.73	C.
May.....	980	380	630	.647	.75	B.
June.....	1,400	333	761	.782	.87	A.
July.....	1,980	380	819	.842	.97	B.
August.....	505	195	347	.357	.41	B.
September.....			230	.236	.26	B.
The year.....	1,980		391	.402	5.45	

#### ELK RIVER NEAR BIG LAKE, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—Insec. 23, T. 33 N., R. 27 W., at the highway bridge 4 miles east of Big Lake, Sherburne County, and three-quarters of a mile north of Bailey station on the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, one-half mile above Tebbetts' Brook and 4 miles below mouth of St. Francis River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—615 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—April 15, 1911, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff gage attached to piling about 10 feet above the upstream edge of the bridge near the right bank of the river; read twice daily, to quarter-tenths, by Michael Tracy.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At high stages made from the downstream side of the bridge; at medium and low stages by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed for the most part sand and light gravel; there is, however, a slight rapids just below the gage which constitutes the control at medium and low stages, and at which the bed is of considerably heavier gravel and cobblestones, and is fairly permanent. From July to October the channel is obstructed by aquatic plants, which cause considerable backwater, increasing as the summer advances and reaching a maximum some time in September. The right bank is high and will not overflow. The left bank will overflow at a stage of about 9 feet, and some of the water cuts across a point formed by a loop in the river and does not pass under the bridge.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during open-water periods, 1.96 feet at 7 a. m. July 21 (discharge, 432 second-feet); minimum discharge for open-water periods, approximately 107 second-feet September 6, at a time when the discharge relation was affected by the growth of aquatic plants obstructing the channel. It is believed that both the maximum and minimum flows occurred during the winter. A maximum stage of 2.7 feet was recorded at 8 a. m. March 27, when the river was nearly free from ice; discharge estimated at 554 second-feet; minimum flow recorded by discharge measurement made January 18, 87 second-feet, is probably not far from the minimum flow for the year.

1911-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 10.0 feet at 6.30 p. m. May 7, 1912 (discharge, 5,100 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 0.22 foot July 16, 1911 (discharge, 43.4 second-feet, measured by current meter; a flow of 39 second-feet was measured by current meter on January 27, 1912.)

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered only fair, because of backwater at the gage due to growth of aquatic plants in channel.

*Discharge measurements of Elk River near Big Lake, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 14 <sup>a</sup> .....	0.95	184	June 22 <sup>c</sup> .....	1.64	415
Jan. 18 <sup>b</sup> .....	1.00	87	July 19 <sup>a</sup> .....	1.84	403
Feb. 26 <sup>b</sup> .....	1.64	157	Sept. 9 <sup>a</sup> .....	.94	110
Apr. 24.....	1.11	272	9 <sup>a</sup> .....	.94	110

<sup>a</sup> Grass and weeds in section.    <sup>b</sup> Made through complete ice cover.    <sup>c</sup> Grass beginning to grow.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Elk River near Big Lake, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	178	180					402	371	297	432	312	130
2.....	163	178					386	341	269	432	326	125
3.....	163	178					356	356	242	417	326	118
4.....	155	175					326	341	232	402	326	116
5.....	148	170					341	326	219	386	312	111
6.....	148	170					341	326	229	386	283	107
7.....	148	170					356	312	221	386	269	111
8.....	160	165					356	297	211	386	256	118
9.....	153	165					356	283	206	371	242	111
10.....	168	165					386	269	206	326	242	111
11.....	190	165					402	256	203	312	229	111
12.....	190	165					386	242	219	283	216	118
13.....	190	170					417	226	242	229	203	127
14.....	198	170					402	219	229	283	203	141
15.....	190	168					386	232	219	326	203	141
16.....	190	155	124	87	127	268	386	256	216	326	203	130
17.....	182						371	256	219	326	190	130
18.....	182						356	269	297	356	178	130
19.....	190						356	269	356	402	178	127
20.....	185						326	283	371	417	178	120
21.....	185						297	297	371	432	165	123
22.....	178						283	326	402	417	153	120
23.....	190						283	326	432	402	153	116
24.....	188	140					269	312	432	417	153	116
25.....	182						297	356	417	402	153	123
26.....	190						326	371	402	402	153	118
27.....	190						356	356	417	402	141	123
28.....	185						386	341	432	402	141	127
29.....	185						386	386	432	371	153	132
30.....	185						371	371	432	341	153	136
31.....	180							341		326	130	

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 26 to Nov. 16, 1914, and Apr. 1 to June 30, 1915, from a fairly well defined rating curve; Oct. 1–25, 1914, and June 21 to Sept. 30, 1915, by indirect method for shifting channels as the growth of grass in channel caused backwater at the gage; Nov. 17 to Mar. 31, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Elk River near Big Lake, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 615 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	198	148	178	0.289	0.33	B.
November.....	180		156	.254	.28	B.
December.....			124	.202	.23	C.
January.....			87	.141	.16	C.
February.....			127	.207	.22	C.
March.....			268	.436	.50	C.
April.....	417	269	355	.577	.64	A.
May.....	386	219	307	.499	.58	A.
June.....	432	203	302	.491	.55	A.
July.....	432	229	371	.603	.70	B.
August.....	326	130	210	.341	.39	B.
September.....	141	107	122	.198	.22	B.
The year.....	432		218	.354	4.80	

#### CROW RIVER AT ROCKFORD, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge at Rockford, about 400 feet below the dam, not in use at present, about one-third mile below the Soo Railway bridge, and a little more than a mile below the junction of the north and south branches. Between the junction and the station are the outlets of Rebecca Lake and Lake Sarah, both very small streams.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,520 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 4, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff gage attached to a piling a few feet above the right end of the bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to hundredths, by George W. Florida.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At high and medium stages discharge measurements are made from the bridge; at low stages they are made by wading, about 600 feet below the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream for most part heavy gravel; practically permanent. The banks do not overflow except during extreme floods.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 10.4 feet, March 31 (discharge, 4,030 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 5.4 feet November 25, September 9–11, 24, and 25 (discharge 300 second-feet). A flow of 85 second-feet was measured by current meter on January 30. The absolute minimum was probably about 30 second-feet and occurred in February.

1909–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 10.7 feet March 15, 1910 (discharge, 4,300 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 4.55 feet January 29 and February 5, 1911 (discharge, 34 second-feet). The absolute minimum is probably about 30 second-feet and occurred in February, 1915.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Prior to the winter of 1911–12, little ice formed at the control, and the open-water rating curve was applicable throughout the year. Before the dam just above the station was destroyed, the temperature of the large body of water back of the dam was considerably above freezing, and the water did not freeze quickly when released; but since the destruction of the dam natural conditions exist and ice forms.

**REGULATION.**—On the North, Middle, and South forks of Crow River there are seven power plants with small storage, and the regulation at the various points is so slight that no appreciable effect of their operation is observed at the gage. The dam immediately above the gage was partly destroyed May 31, 1911, and has not since been repaired.

**ACCURACY.**—Though conditions in the channel are fairly permanent the erratic plotting of discharge measurements made below 800 second-feet do not warrant an accuracy rating of better than fair for low and medium stages. All monthly means above 800 second-feet are considered excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Crow River at Rockford, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 16.....	6.38	793	July 8 <sup>b</sup> .....	7.45	1,430
Jan. 30 <sup>a</sup> .....	5.30	85	8.....	7.43	1,420
Feb. 27 <sup>a</sup> .....	6.94	548	Aug. 31 <sup>c</sup> .....	5.72	593
Apr. 23.....	6.79	1,090			

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover; control partly covered with ice.

<sup>b</sup> Small amount of grass and few snags in channel below gage.

<sup>c</sup> Control section clear, but accuracy of measurement low, because measuring section is unfavorable for obtaining good results at this stage.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Crow River at Rockford, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	785	472	370				3,670	965	1,640	1,640	1,160	420
2.....	725	472	370				2,770	1,030	1,570	1,640	1,220	395
3.....	665	472	345				2,190	1,100	1,430	1,640	1,360	395
4.....	665	445	345				2,030	1,100	1,220	1,570	1,500	370
5.....	610	420	370				1,950	1,100	1,160	1,430	1,640	345
6.....	638	420	395				1,870	1,100	1,100	1,500	1,710	345
7.....	583	395	345				1,710	1,100	965	1,570	1,710	332
8.....	583	395	370				1,710	1,030	965	1,500	1,640	309
9.....	555	395	395				1,950	1,030	905	1,430	1,570	300
10.....	583	370					2,110	965	845	1,430	1,500	300
11.....	610	345					2,110	965	815	1,360	1,360	300
12.....	638	345					2,030	905	875	1,360	1,220	304
13.....	725	345					1,950	845	965	1,290	1,100	332
14.....	785	327					1,950	815	1,030	1,500	905	370
15.....	845						1,950	785	1,100	1,950	905	420
16.....	845			137	137	1,290	1,790	785	1,160	2,110	905	395
17.....	815						1,500	845	1,220	2,190	965	395
18.....	785						1,870	875	1,430	2,110	875	370
19.....	725						1,500	905	1,430	2,110	785	345
20.....	695	300					1,360	965	1,500	2,030	755	345
21.....	665		246				1,160	965	1,570	1,950	725	327
22.....	665						1,160	965	1,500	1,870	725	322
23.....	665						1,100	905	1,710	1,790	665	314
24.....	638						1,030	905	1,640	1,710	638	300
25.....	610	300					1,030	965	1,640	1,710	610	300
26.....	555	309					1,030	1,100	1,640	1,640	610	318
27.....	555	309					1,100	1,360	1,640	1,640	583	340
28.....	528	345					1,030	1,570	1,710	1,500	555	345
29.....	528	345					1,030	1,640	1,710	1,430	528	370
30.....	500	370					1,030	1,790	1,710	1,360	500	610
31.....	472					4,030		1,790		1,220	445	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve poorly defined below and well defined above 800 second-feet. Discharge Nov. 15–24 and Dec. 10 to Mar. 30, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.



*Monthly discharge of Crow River at Rockford, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,520 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	845	472	653	0.259	0.30	B.
November.....	472	.....	353	.140	.16	C.
December.....	395	.....	281	.112	.13	C.
January.....	.....	.....	137	.054	.06	C.
February.....	.....	.....	137	.054	.06	C.
March.....	4,030	.....	1,380	.548	.63	C.
April.....	3,070	1,030	1,690	.671	.75	A.
May.....	1,790	735	1,070	.425	.49	A.
June.....	1,710	315	1,330	.528	.59	A.
July.....	2,190	1,220	1,650	.655	.76	A.
August.....	1,710	445	1,010	.401	.46	B.
September.....	610	300	354	.140	.16	C.
The year.....	4,030	.....	842	.334	4.55	

#### MINNESOTA RIVER NEAR MONTEVIDEO, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 17, T. 117 N., R. 40 W., at the highway bridge 1 mile south of Montevideo, Chippewa County, 500 feet below the mouth of the Chippewa River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—6,300 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 23, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to upstream hand rail of the bridge near the left bank; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Ben O. Brown. Datum of gage lowered 2 feet September 16, 1909, and 1 foot additional July 29, 1910, to avoid negative readings. All gage heights referred to latest datum.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of the bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Gravel and rock; practically permanent. There is a slight rapid, just below the gage, but the control section is not very well defined. The banks are of medium height and will overflow at a stage of about 14 feet.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 11.1 feet at 5.30 p. m. July 22 (discharge, 3,160 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 3.5 feet, November 16 (discharge 314 second-feet). A flow of 114 second-feet was measured by current meter on January 23; the absolute minimum was probably somewhat lower.

1909-1915: Maximum stage recorded, approximately 14 feet May 7, 1912 (discharge about 6,300 second-feet based upon high-water measurements made in April, 1916); mean discharge for this date should be about 5,900 second-feet instead of 4,000 second-feet as published in Water-Supply Paper 325, page 103. The discharge for a few succeeding days as published in that report is probably somewhat too low. Minimum stage recorded during open water, 1.36 feet July 29 and August 4, 1911 (discharge, 25 second-feet). A flow of 6.8 second-feet was measured by current meter on February 9, 1912.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—No control on the Minnesota River above the station. The control of the Chippewa River at the plant of the Chippewa Milling Co., in Montevideo, produces a slight fluctuation in the stage of the Minnesota River at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Results are considered good; channel permanent; curve is well defined.

*Discharge measurements of Minnesota River near Montevideo, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 19 <sup>a</sup> .....	3.90	233	July 22.....	11.06	3,240
Jan. 23 <sup>a</sup> .....	3.53	114	Aug. 21.....	6.38	1,150
Mar. 31 <sup>b</sup> .....	11.09	2,290			

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.<sup>b</sup> Open at gage; control partly ice-covered.*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Minnesota River near Montevideo, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	568	648						1,570	1,490	1,870	2,460	817
2.....	542	675					2,520	1,530	1,410	1,920	2,410	759
3.....	490	731						1,570	1,380	1,960	2,320	731
4.....	442	648						1,530	1,300	1,960	2,280	731
5.....	466	568					2,510	1,380	1,230	1,960	2,180	621
6.....	466	466					2,410	1,920	1,230	1,920	2,100	703
7.....	442	442					2,320	1,920	1,200	1,920	2,050	648
8.....	466	542					2,280	1,920	1,200	1,870	1,960	675
9.....	466	568					2,280	2,000	1,130	1,870	1,870	621
10.....	466	542					2,320	1,920	1,030	1,870	1,780	621
11.....	542	568					2,360	1,780	1,020	1,820	1,690	594
12.....	648	542					2,360	1,690	1,030	1,780	1,610	594
13.....	703	542					2,320	1,650	1,030	1,690	1,530	621
14.....	759	516					2,230	1,650	1,030	1,820	1,450	594
15.....	759	466					2,180	1,610	998	2,660	1,380	621
16.....	788	314	255	127	218	943	2,140	1,530	967	2,760	1,340	568
17.....	788						2,100	1,570	967	2,910	1,300	675
18.....	817						1,960	1,530	1,100	3,010	1,200	703
19.....	846						1,960	1,490	1,200	3,110	1,160	648
20.....	846						1,870	1,410	1,270	3,110	1,130	675
21.....	846						1,820	1,490	1,340	3,110	1,060	703
22.....	817						1,740	1,480	1,340	3,160	998	648
23.....	788						1,650	1,470	1,340	3,110	998	648
24.....	788	363					1,570	1,460	1,380	3,060	967	675
25.....	788						1,570	1,450	1,410	3,010	876	648
26.....	788						1,610	1,490	1,410	2,910	876	621
27.....	675						1,570	1,490	1,450	2,810	846	621
28.....	703						1,690	1,570	1,570	2,710	846	621
29.....	731						1,610	1,530	1,690	2,610	876	648
30.....	731						1,530	1,530	1,780	2,510	906	648
31.....	731							1,490		2,460	846	

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 314 and 3,160 second-feet. Discharge Nov. 17 to Apr. 4 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included. Discharge interpolated May 22-24.

*Monthly discharge of Minnesota River near Montevideo, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 6,300 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	846	442	668	0.106	0.12	A.
November.....	731		462	.073	.08	B.
December.....			255	.040	.05	C.
January.....			127	.020	.02	C.
February.....			218	.035	.04	C.
March.....			943	.150	.17	C.
April.....		1,530	2,070	.329	.37	B.
May.....	2,000	1,380	1,600	.254	.29	A.
June.....	1,780	967	1,260	.200	.22	A.
July.....	3,160	1,690	2,430	.386	.44	A.
August.....	2,460	846	1,460	.232	.27	A.
September.....	817	594	657	.104	.12	A.
The year.....	3,160		1,020	.162	2.19	

#### MINNESOTA RIVER NEAR MANKATO, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 14, T. 108 N., R. 27 W., in Blue Earth County, at Sibley Park, 2 miles above the center of Mankato and 1,000 feet below the mouth of Blue Earth River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—14,600 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 20, 1903, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage on the right bank of the river, about 1,000 feet below mouth of Blue Earth River; read once daily, to tenths, by Clarence Staley, observer for the United States Weather Bureau. The gage support is a substantial cantilever structure supported by two heavy posts resting in concrete footings, constructed and maintained by the U. S. Engineer Corps.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from highway bridge in center of Mankato; at low stages by wading a short distance below gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream is of sand and light gravel; fairly permanent except during high stage; banks fairly high and do not overflow except for stages above gage height of 15 feet; no well-defined control.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 14.6 feet March (discharge, 23,100 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 1.4 feet December 14 and 15 (discharge, 520 second-feet). A flow of 289 second-feet which is probably very close to the actual minimum for the year, was measured by current meter January 28.

1903-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 21.2 feet, June 26, 1908 (discharge, 43,800 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.5 foot August 31, September 1 and 2, 1911 (discharge, 89 second-feet). The highest known stage of this river occurred in 1881, and is shown in Mankato by a well-marked line, which was approximately 27 feet above the zero of the present gage. This stage is corroborated by Mr. M. B. Haynes, city engineer of Mankato, who states that the high water occurred after the ice went out, and was not caused by backwater. The corresponding discharge would be approximately 65,000 second-feet.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—The nearest dam on the Minnesota River is at Minnesota Falls, 140 miles upstream. A dam on the Blue Earth at Rapidan, a few miles above the mouth, controls the flow of that river, which is approximately 20 per cent of that

at the Mankato station and produces considerable daily fluctuation at the gage, amounting at times to over 1 foot.

ACCURACY.—Results can not be considered better than fair; channel is somewhat shifting. The gage is read only once a day, to tenths, and does not represent accurately the mean daily stage on account of the diurnal fluctuation due to the regulation of the Blue Earth.

COOPERATION.—Since 1906 gage height record has been furnished by the U. S. Weather Bureau.

*Discharge measurements of Minnesota River near Mankato, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 2 <sup>a</sup> .....	2.01	877	July 16 <sup>a</sup> .....	7.66	7,540
Jan. 28 <sup>b</sup> .....	1.87	289	Aug. 19 <sup>a</sup> .....	6.64	5,600

<sup>a</sup> Made from highway bridge in Mankato about 2 miles below gage.

<sup>b</sup> Made from ice 500 feet below gage.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Minnesota River at Mankato, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,010	1,220	815	310	2,200	7,890	20,300	4,010	8,460	8,270	6,640	4,010
2.....	945	1,150	880			6,470	19,500	3,300	7,890	7,890	6,310	4,400
3.....	880	1,150	815			6,310	18,600	3,760	7,340	7,160	6,810	3,760
4.....	880	1,080	815			5,830	17,600	4,670	6,640	6,640	6,310	3,410
5.....	815	1,050	815			5,830	16,200	4,010	6,470	6,310	7,700	3,300
6.....	815	1,080	690			5,830	15,900	3,760	6,810	5,990	9,050	3,080
7.....	750	1,010	690			5,830	14,700	5,530	7,160	6,470	10,500	2,980
8.....	815	1,010	690			5,380	15,500	4,670	6,470	7,890	10,900	2,680
9.....	815	1,010	630			4,010	15,000	4,140	5,990	7,520	9,650	2,480
10.....	815	1,010	630			3,760	15,200	3,640	6,150	9,850	9,050	2,580
11.....	750	1,150	570			3,190	14,300	4,140	5,830	9,250	7,160	2,380
12.....	815	1,150	570			2,880	13,500	4,400	6,470	9,650	6,470	2,100
13.....	815	1,080	570			2,880	13,100	4,010	6,640	8,850	5,990	2,280
14.....	815	1,080	520			2,580	12,200	3,640	7,340	8,460	6,310	2,580
15.....	1,750	1,010	520			2,380	11,100	3,410	6,810	7,700	5,990	2,680
16.....	2,580	1,010	510			2,100	10,900	3,520	6,810	7,700	6,150	2,580
17.....	2,780	750				2,280	9,850	2,880	5,230	7,160	5,830	2,780
18.....	2,680	570				4,010	8,850	3,080	5,090	8,270	5,530	2,980
19.....	2,680	520				5,680	8,270	2,680	5,090	11,100	4,950	3,880
20.....	2,480	520				6,980	7,340	2,660	4,950	10,700	5,230	4,140
21.....	2,100	690				8,460	6,810	2,880	4,670	12,000	4,950	3,640
22.....	1,750	750				9,050	5,230	2,680	4,950	12,400	4,950	3,190
23.....	1,510	690				10,500	5,230	2,680	4,950	11,800	4,810	2,580
24.....	2,190	690				13,500	5,090	2,680	5,230	11,100	4,670	2,680
25.....	2,190	690				18,600	4,810	3,640	4,670	10,700	4,400	2,880
26.....	1,750	690				19,800	3,520	4,400	5,090	9,850	4,810	2,980
27.....	1,750	690				20,500	3,880	4,400	5,530	10,300	4,670	2,680
28.....	1,590	630				23,100	4,530	4,950	5,830	10,000	4,950	2,580
29.....	1,360	750				22,700	4,670	5,530	8,080	8,850	4,670	2,680
30.....	1,430	815				21,900	4,270	6,810	9,450	7,160	4,400	2,480
31.....	1,510	.....				21,700	.....	8,650	.....	7,160	4,140	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve fairly well defined between 877 and 7,540 second-feet. Indirect method for shifting channels used for Oct. 1 to Nov. 25. Discharge Dec. 16 to Feb. 28, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Minnesota River at Mankato, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 14,600 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	2,780	750	1,480	0.101	0.12	C.
November.....	1,220	520	891	.061	.07	C.
December.....	880		593	.041	.05	C.
January.....			310	.021	.02	C.
February.....			2,200	.151	.16	D.
March.....	23,100	2,100	9,090	.623	.72	C.
April.....	20,300	3,520	10,900	.747	.83	C.
May.....	8,650	2,680	4,040	.277	.32	C.
June.....	9,450	4,670	6,270	.429	.48	C.
July.....	12,400	5,990	8,840	.605	.70	C.
August.....	10,900	4,140	6,260	.429	.49	C.
September.....	4,400	2,100	2,980	.204	.23	C.
The year.....	23,100		4,500	.308	4.19	

#### LAC QUI PARLE RIVER AT LAC QUI PARLE, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 26, T. 118 N., R. 42 W., at the highway bridge at Lac Qui Parle, in Lac Qui Parle County, a short distance above mouth of Threemile Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—838 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—April 27, 1910, to November 15, 1914, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff gage bolted to downstream Cushing Bridge pier supporting the right end of the bridge; read daily, mornings, to quarter-tenths, by Chas. A. Gould.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At high and medium stages made from downstream side of bridge; at low stages by wading a short distance below the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream consists of gravel; shifts slightly during flood stages. There is a fairly well-defined low-water control a short distance below the gage. At and above the gage the banks are high and do not overflow; below the gage, in the vicinity of the control, the banks are low and overflow during high water.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 1.25 feet October 16 and 17 (discharge, 42 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.55 foot October 1 (discharge, 4 second-feet).

1910-1914: Maximum stage recorded, 7.6 feet May 5 and 6, 1912; discharge, 1,550 second-feet; minimum stage recorded during open-water periods: 0.25 foot October 4, 1913 (discharge, 0.2 second-foot); a flow of 0.1 second-foot was measured February 22, 1913.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; observations discontinued.

**REGULATION.**—At Dawson, about 10 miles above the station, a dam about 8 feet high, which impounds considerable water, was constructed during the late summer of 1913. Probably the extreme low stage of last part of September and the first part of October, 1913, is due to the retention of water to fill this reservoir, but no further regulation is contemplated at this dam, and no other dams control the flow.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered fair, owing to shifting of channel and the fact that the rating curve is only fairly well defined.

No discharge measurements were made at this station during the year.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Lac Qui Parle River at Lac Qui Parle, Minn., for the period Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1914.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.
1.....	4	22	11.....	8	15	21.....	32	.....
2.....	6	20	12.....	22	15	22.....	31	.....
3.....	6	20	13.....	34	15	23.....	30	.....
4.....	5	20	14.....	37	15	24.....	28	.....
5.....	6	19	15.....	38	6	25.....	28	.....
6.....	5	18	16.....	42	.....	26.....	25	.....
7.....	4	16	17.....	42	.....	27.....	25	.....
8.....	4	16	18.....	39	.....	28.....	25	.....
9.....	4	16	19.....	38	.....	29.....	24	.....
10.....	8	16	20.....	34	.....	30.....	22	.....
						31.....	24	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve fairly well defined between 14 and 678 second-feet and fairly well defined below 14 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Lac Qui Parle River at Lac Qui Parle, Minn., for the period Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1914.*

[Drainage area, 838 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	42	4	21.9	0.261	0.30	B.
November 1-15.....	22	6	16.6	.198	.11	B.

#### CHIPPewa RIVER NEAR WATSON, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—On the line between sections 10 and 15, T. 118 N., R. 41 W., at highway bridge  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles northeast of Watson, Chippewa County; about 10 miles above mouth of river, and about 2 miles below mouth of Dry Weather Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,940 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—April 27, 1910, to September 30, 1915. From July 6 to September 17, 1909, four discharge measurements were made at the station.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream side of the bridge, near left bank of river; read once daily in the afternoon, to hundredths, by Clifford Bonde.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At medium and high stages made from downstream side of bridge, to which gage is attached; at low stages made by wading a short distance above gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed consists partly of sand and light gravel and partly clay; shifts somewhat. The right bank slopes gradually, and the width of the stream increases rapidly as stage increases from 10 to 12 feet.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 12.9 feet July 18 (discharge, 2,260 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.9 feet December 11 (discharge, 225 second-feet).

1910-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 13.5 feet July 2, 1914 (discharge, 2,660<sup>1</sup> second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 3.90 feet August 7, 8, and 9, 1910 (discharge, 11 second-feet); discharge for a stage of 3.95 feet July 30, 1911, was only 6 second-feet, due to a shift in the control. A flow of 1.7 second-feet was measured by current meter February 9, 1912.

<sup>1</sup> Differs from the maximum published in Water-Supply Paper 385, p. 102, because of a revision of the rating curve due to additional highwater discharge measurements obtained in 1915.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; observations discontinued during winter.

**REGULATION.**—There was formerly possibly some slight regulation due to the operation of a flour mill working under an 8-foot head at Hagan, but this dam is out present so that the flow is natural.

**ACCURACY.**—Results good.

*Discharge measurements of Chippewa River near Watson, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
July 21.....	<i>Feet.</i> 12.61	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 2,120
Aug. 20.....	7.62	480

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Chippewa River near Watson, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	297	342	312	.....	604	691	1,120	1,340	374
2.....	297	327	312	.....	584	646	1,150	1,310	358
3.....	282	312	297	.....	604	584	1,150	1,310	358
4.....	282	297	297	.....	691	545	1,120	1,210	358
5.....	267	312	297	668	738	508	1,060	1,180	358
6.....	239	358	312	604	738	526	1,030	1,120	342
7.....	239	327	297	564	738	490	1,030	1,060	342
8.....	239	312	282	545	691	473	972	972	334
9.....	239	297	267	564	646	439	945	918	327
10.....	312	297	239	646	646	422	945	891	312
11.....	422	297	225	668	625	406	891	838	297
12.....	439	282	.....	564	604	374	838	787	297
13.....	439	282	.....	564	564	390	787	738	312
14.....	456	267	.....	668	545	390	1,960	691	342
15.....	473	253	.....	668	526	374	2,010	646	358
16.....	490	.....	.....	646	526	374	2,110	604	358
17.....	508	.....	.....	646	564	374	2,160	584	358
18.....	508	.....	.....	625	526	456	2,260	564	374
19.....	508	.....	.....	604	526	584	2,160	526	374
20.....	490	.....	.....	604	526	625	2,160	490	358
21.....	490	.....	.....	564	526	646	2,110	490	342
22.....	473	.....	.....	545	526	691	2,060	456	327
23.....	456	.....	.....	526	526	691	1,960	456	320
24.....	422	.....	.....	564	526	714	1,910	439	312
25.....	422	.....	.....	604	545	738	1,810	422	312
26.....	406	.....	.....	584	646	691	1,710	406	312
27.....	390	.....	.....	584	691	787	1,620	390	327
28.....	374	.....	.....	604	691	891	1,540	422	327
29.....	358	.....	.....	625	691	1,000	1,460	406	327
30.....	358	312	.....	604	714	1,060	1,380	406	342
31.....	358	.....	.....	.....	714	.....	1,380	390	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a well-defined rating curve. Discharge relation affected by ice observations discontinued Nov. 16–29, 1914, and Dec. 12, 1914, to Apr. 4, 1915. Discharge Nov. 16–29 estimated at 280 second-feet. Discharge interpolated July 28, Sept. 8, and Sept. 23.

*Monthly discharge of Chippewa River near Watson, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,940 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	508	239	385	0.198	0.23	A.
November.....	358		293	.151	.17	C.
December 1-11.....			285	.147	.06	B.
April 5-30.....			602	.310	.30	A.
May.....	738	526	613	.316	.36	A.
June.....	1,060	374	586	.302	.34	A.
July.....	2,260	787	1,510	.778	.90	A.
August.....	1,340	390	725	.374	.43	A.
September.....	374	297	338	.174	.19	A.

#### ST. CROIX RIVER AT SWISS, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 33, T. 42 N., R. 15 W., at highway bridge near post office at Swiss, Burnett County, 10 miles northeast of Danbury, Minn., on Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway, about 2 miles above point where St. Croix River becomes the boundary line between Wisconsin and Minnesota. Totogatic River enters from the left about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,550 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 20, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Cast-iron staff gage bolted to iron post at left end of bridge; read morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Capt. Richard Goldschmiedt. In August the iron post was replaced by a concrete pier, on which the gage was placed August 31.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Gravel, smooth; aquatic plants during summer months cause a small amount of backwater at the gage. Right bank high and not subject to overflow; left bank of medium height and may possibly overflow during extreme high water.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.4 feet at 6.35 p. m. June 19 (discharge, 4,500 second-feet); minimum discharge, 827 second-feet, recorded by discharge measurement made January 25.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 4.4 feet at 6.35 p. m. June 19, 1915 (discharge, 4,500 second-feet); minimum discharge, 754 second-feet, recorded by measurement made March 13, 1914. The absolute minimum occurs during the winter period and is not accurately determinable.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined over limits covered by gage readings. No diurnal fluctuation. Some uncertainty exists as to the permanency of conditions of channel and effect of plant growth, so that open-water records for part of the year are only fair.

*Discharge measurements of St. Croix River at Swiss, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 6	S. B. Soulé.....	1.05	1,040	Mar 11 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	2.75	913
Jan. 25 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.18	827	May 6	S. B. Soulé.....	2.34	2,050
Feb. 12 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	2.46	842	Aug. 31	H. T. Critchlow.....	.94	901

<sup>a</sup> Made under complete ice cover.



Daily discharge, in second-feet, of St. Croix River at Swiss, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,200	1,070	1,500	875	850	930	1,820	1,820	1,570	1,730	1,010	880
2.....	1,160	1,070					1,040	1,730	1,490	1,650	1,010	865
3.....	1,130	1,040					1,130	1,920	1,410	1,530	1,100	850
4.....	1,130	1,070					1,240	2,020	1,340	1,530	1,100	845
5.....	1,130	1,070					1,340	2,120	1,270	1,530	1,130	835
6.....	1,160	1,040	1,160	850	870	970	1,570	2,120	1,530	1,530	1,130	845
7.....	1,130	1,040					1,820	2,120	1,730	1,530	1,130	850
8.....	1,130	1,010					2,120	2,120	2,220	1,490	1,100	855
9.....	1,100	1,040					2,120	2,120	2,320	1,410	1,070	885
10.....	1,100	1,040					2,320	2,120	2,320	1,380	1,070	902
11.....	1,160	1,040	1,160	850	870	970	2,320	2,120	2,220	1,340	1,040	880
12.....	1,160	1,070					2,430	2,120	2,120	1,300	1,010	880
13.....	1,160	1,070					2,320	2,120	2,120	1,270	1,010	908
14.....	1,130	1,100					2,220	2,020	2,120	1,270	1,010	950
15.....	1,130	1,100					2,120	2,120	2,120	1,410	980	1,070
16.....	1,130	1,070	1,050	815	1,030	1,150	2,120	2,990	2,020	1,490	980	1,070
17.....	1,130	1,070					2,120	3,840	1,820	1,450	980	1,130
18.....	1,100	1,000					2,020	3,970	2,650	1,410	944	1,130
19.....	1,100	1,000					2,020	3,590	4,230	1,340	920	1,100
20.....	1,100	1,000					1,920	3,470	4,230	1,270	908	1,040
21.....	1,070	1,500	930	815	1,030	1,150	1,820	3,470	3,970	1,240	890	980
22.....	1,070						1,820	3,470	3,710	1,200	875	1,010
23.....	1,070						1,730	3,350	3,590	1,130	865	980
24.....	1,070						1,730	3,110	3,470	1,130	865	950
25.....	1,070						1,730	2,870	3,110	1,130	896	980
26.....	1,100	1,500	930	815	1,030	1,150	1,730	2,650	2,870	1,130	908	1,100
27.....	1,070						1,730	2,540	2,540	1,130	890	1,160
28.....	1,070						1,820	2,320	2,220	1,130	880	1,160
29.....	1,070						1,920	2,120	2,020	1,130	885	1,200
30.....	1,070						1,820	1,920	1,920	1,100	896	1,160
31.....	1,070						1,650	1,650	1,650	1,100	914	-----

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: Oct. 1-25, by the indirect method, because of backwater from aquatic plants in channel; Oct. 26 to Nov. 16, and Apr. 1 to July 31 from a well-defined rating curve; Aug. 1 to Sept. 30, from a fairly well defined rating curve.

Discharge Nov. 17 to Mar. 31, estimated because of ice from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

Monthly discharge of St. Croix River at Swiss, Wis., for year ending Sept. 30, 1915.

[Drainage area, 1,550 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	1,200	1,070	1,110	0.716	0.83	B.
November.....	-----	1,010	1,200	.774	.86	C.
December.....	-----	-----	1,190	.768	.89	D.
January.....	-----	-----	846	.546	.63	C.
February.....	-----	-----	908	.586	.61	C.
March.....	-----	-----	1,020	.658	.76	D.
April.....	2,430	1,040	1,870	1.21	1.35	A.
May.....	3,970	1,650	2,520	1.63	1.88	A.
June.....	4,230	1,270	2,410	1.55	1.73	A.
July.....	1,730	1,100	1,340	.865	1.00	A.
August.....	1,130	865	981	.633	.73	B.
September.....	1,200	835	982	.634	.71	B.
The year.....	4,230	-----	1,370	.884	11.98	

## ST. CROIX RIVER NEAR ST. CROIX FALLS, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 18, T. 34 N., R. 18 W., Polk County, at the power plant of the Minneapolis General Electric Co., on the Wisconsin side of St. Croix River near St. Croix Falls, Wis., about 50 miles above the confluence of St. Croix and Mississippi rivers near Hastings, Minn. Apple River, draining an area wholly in Wisconsin, enters from the left about 20 miles below the station; Snake River, draining an area in Minnesota, enters from the right, about 35 miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—5,930 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January 10, 1902, to June 30, 1905; January 1, 1910, to September, 30, 1915. Data for 1903 published in Water-Supply Paper No. 98, pp. 176–177, under St. Croix River near Taylors Falls, Minn.

**DISCHARGE.**—Determinations of discharge based on kilowatt output of dynamo and exciters plus flow over dam and spillway, considered as a weir.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum discharge recorded during year, 15,100 second-feet June 22; minimum discharge recorded, 686 second-feet, March 7, 1915.

1902–1905 and 1910–1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 33,500 second-feet May 6, 1912; minimum discharge recorded, 75 second-feet July 17, 1910; the minimum discharge is not natural but caused by regulation.

**REGULATION.**—Low-water flow controlled by operation of gates of power plant and by storage and release of water at Never's dam several miles upstream.

**ACCURACY.**—Records have not been checked, nor have discharge measurements been made by engineers of the United States Geological Survey; probably reliable.

**COOPERATION.**—Records furnished by the Minneapolis General Electric Co.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of St. Croix River near St. Croix Falls, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	3,380	1,120	2,790	1,200	1,310	2,010	2,740	7,970	2,980	6,980	1,160	1,550
2.....	3,390	2,790	2,730	2,480	1,350	2,010	2,480	6,310	4,200	6,480	2,440	1,700
3.....	3,210	2,540	2,850	1,080	1,400	1,990	2,930	6,870	3,470	5,830	2,730	1,760
4.....	1,620	2,590	3,040	2,240	1,500	2,060	3,350	7,140	3,250	3,890	2,740	1,950
5.....	3,040	2,580	2,090	2,20	1,650	2,030	3,310	10,700	3,300	4,320	2,650	1,360
6.....	3,190	2,610	1,190	1,560	2,270	2,030	3,890	11,400	3,530	4,590	2,370	1,370
7.....	3,130	2,500	2,540	2,220	1,020	686	4,400	11,300	3,000	4,460	2,370	1,730
8.....	3,160	996	2,600	1,950	1,520	1,970	5,320	10,400	3,610	4,490	1,020	1,390
9.....	3,170	2,600	2,770	2,460	1,590	2,260	7,740	9,580	4,040	3,380	2,420	1,410
10.....	3,000	2,620	2,300	1,160	1,600	2,100	7,820	9,240	3,730	3,710	2,670	1,270
11.....	1,250	2,640	1,460	1,750	1,600	2,120	6,820	8,730	4,490	3,040	2,440	1,540
12.....	2,910	2,750	2,030	1,750	1,820	1,950	7,310	8,490	5,990	3,070	2,430	1,440
13.....	3,040	2,780	938	1,800	2,360	1,890	8,660	7,880	6,050	3,130	2,200	1,450
14.....	2,950	2,760	1,300	1,800	952	872	7,340	5,820	8,130	3,850	2,010	1,600
15.....	3,030	1,160	1,380	1,970	1,890	1,860	6,610	6,480	9,330	3,630	1,100	1,680
16.....	3,060	2,660	1,120	2,390	2,160	1,960	6,640	6,070	7,650	3,850	2,200	1,880
17.....	2,840	2,600	1,390	987	2,060	2,290	7,990	8,780	5,980	3,780	2,270	1,890
18.....	2,290	2,370	1,700	1,730	1,900	2,960	5,930	11,200	7,790	3,810	2,360	2,210
19.....	3,560	1,690	2,360	1,760	1,990	3,180	6,280	12,800	11,900	4,130	2,320	1,860
20.....	3,210	1,480	1,210	1,710	2,040	2,850	5,930	12,900	13,500	3,430	2,380	1,800
21.....	3,100	2,280	1,560	1,640	899	1,720	5,980	11,600	13,800	3,050	2,250	1,870
22.....	3,100	1,200	1,460	1,420	2,400	2,160	6,900	11,100	15,100	2,820	1,240	2,270
23.....	2,970	2,160	1,840	2,240	2,110	2,690	5,970	10,200	13,600	2,800	2,360	2,210
24.....	2,690	2,200	2,210	895	2,200	3,110	5,570	10,100	13,500	2,680	2,700	2,240
25.....	1,510	2,650	903	1,570	2,100	3,750	7,130	9,710	11,000	1,190	2,740	2,020
26.....	2,660	1,260	1,490	2,030	1,880	3,740	6,940	9,330	9,090	2,780	1,590	1,670
27.....	2,890	2,410	985	1,660	2,090	3,710	7,860	6,250	11,200	2,430	1,730	2,220
28.....	2,740	2,320	1,450	1,590	1,840	3,580	9,700	8,360	7,510	2,560	1,600	2,070
29.....	2,730	911	1,560	1,700	.....	2,450	9,980	6,240	8,330	2,830	1,080	2,280
30.....	2,700	2,690	1,360	2,030	.....	2,930	9,330	6,520	6,200	2,940	1,670	2,330
31.....	2,610	.....	2,210	1,020	.....	3,020	.....	4,800	.....	2,180	1,630	.....

**NOTE.**—Discharge computed by the Minneapolis General Electric Co. See "Discharge" in station description.

*Monthly discharge of St. Croix River near St. Croix Falls, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 5,930 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	
October.....	3,560	1,250	2,840	0.479	0.55
November.....	2,790	911	2,200	.371	.41
December.....	3,040	903	1,860	.314	.36
January.....	2,480	895	1,740	.293	.34
February.....	2,400	899	1,750	.295	.31
March.....	3,750	686	2,390	.403	.46
April.....	9,980	2,480	6,300	1.06	1.18
May.....	12,900	4,800	8,850	1.49	1.72
June.....	15,100	2,980	7,490	1.26	1.41
July.....	6,980	1,190	3,600	.607	.70
August.....	2,740	1,020	2,090	.352	.41
September.....	2,330	1,270	1,800	.304	.34
The year.....	15,100	686	3,580	.604	8.19

NOTE.—Computed by engineers of the United States Geological Survey from records of daily discharge furnished by the Minneapolis General Electric Co.

#### NAMAKAGON RIVER AT TREGO, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 35, T. 40 N., R. 12 W., Washburn County, at Chicago & North Western Railway bridge at Trego, about 20 miles above confluence of Namakagon and Totogatic rivers.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—420 square miles. (Revised since last published by measurement on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 11, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Enameled staff fastened to retaining wall, left bank of river, just above railroad bridge; read once daily, in the morning, to quarter-tenths, by G. E. Krenz.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from lower chords of railroad bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Coarse gravel; free from vegetation; banks medium high and do not overflow. Small island downstream with rapids on either side forms the control; channel fairly permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 2.6 feet May 18 to 21 (discharge, 1,020 second-feet); minimum discharge 276 second-feet (recorded by discharge measurement made December 30).

1914–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 2.6 feet June 28, 29, and July 1 to 3, 1914, and May 18 to 21, 1915 (discharge, 1,020 second-feet). Minimum discharge, 264 second-feet (recorded by measurement made March 11, 1914).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined over a range in stage covered by gage heights; channel permanent; records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Namakagon River at Trego, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
Dec. 30 <sup>a</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	<i>Feet.</i> 2.28	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 276	Mar. 16	H. C. Beckman.....	<i>Feet.</i> 1.60	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 367
Feb. 9 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	2.62	325	Aug. 26	H. T. Critchlow.....	1.61	372

<sup>a</sup> Complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Namakagon River at Trego, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	444	417	417	295	300	445	393	502	630	532	417	369
2.....	444	417	417				369	444	532	597	369	350
3.....	444	417	417				417	532	502	597	393	350
4.....	417	417	417				417	502	472	532	393	350
5.....	393	417	417				332	502	472	564	444	350
6.....	393	417	430	325	330	530	532	564	733	444	444	369
7.....	444	369	144				597	532	873	444	417	350
8.....	444	369	418				597	564	838	532	417	350
9.....	417	369	393				664	564	768	564	393	350
10.....	417	393					664	532	698	532	393	369
11.....	444	393		325	330	380	664	564	664	444	393	350
12.....	472	417					664	564	630	444	393	369
13.....	444	417					597	597	698	417	393	369
14.....	417	417					597	564	664	502	417	417
15.....	472	369	395				597	597	664	597	417	444
16.....	564	369		290	320	597	630	597	597	597	369	417
17.....	532	393				417	597	944	532	532	393	417
18.....	444	393				350	532	1,020	597	502	393	417
19.....	444	393				597	502	1,020	908	532	393	417
20.....	472	369				369	597	1,020	908	444	369	444
21.....	444	369		295	320	532	532	1,020	944	444	369	417
22.....	472	444				532	502	1,020	944	444	350	393
23.....	472	417				532	502	944	908	417	332	393
24.....	444	444				417	444	944	733	417	350	393
25.....	417	472				417	444	768	733	417	369	444
26.....	417	472	295	290	320	369	444	768	733	417	369	417
27.....	417	472				369	564	768	597	444	350	417
28.....	417	444				444	564	733	597	444	332	417
29.....	417	502				417	502	664	597	417	350	444
30.....	417	532				393	502	664	532	393	393	444
31.....	417					393		630		417	369	

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: Oct. 1 to Dec. 9 (except Dec. 2, 4, 6, and 8, interpolated), Mar. 16 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve well defined below 733 second-feet; discharge for Mar. 22 interpolated; gage apparently recorded in error. Discharge, Dec. 10 to Mar. 15, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Namakagon River at Trego, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 420 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	564	393	442	1.05	1.21	A.
November.....	532	369	417	.993	1.11	A.
December.....			366	.871	1.00	B.
January.....			303	.721	.83	C.
February.....			316	.752	.78	C.
March.....	597		449	1.07	1.23	B.
April.....	664	332	532	1.27	1.42	A.
May.....	1,020	444	698	1.66	1.91	A.
June.....	944	472	690	1.64	1.83	A.
July.....	597	393	485	1.15	1.33	A.
August.....	444	332	385	.917	1.06	A.
September.....	444	350	393	.936	1.04	A.
The year.....	1,020		457	1.09	14.75	

#### KETTLE RIVER NEAR SANDSTONE, MINN.

LOCATION.—At quarries of Barber Asphalt Co. at Banning, 3 miles above Sandstone, Pine County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—825 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—October 18, 1908, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Vertical staff, in two sections, bolted to rock wall on right bank of river, about 300 feet above the steam power house of the Barber Asphalt Co.; read twice daily, to quarter-tenths, by F. L. Betts.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from highway bridge, about 1 mile above gage.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Solid rock; permanent.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.8 feet May 17 and 18 (discharge, 2,580 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 1.1 feet December 22 (discharge, 70 second-feet).

1908-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 6.7 feet, June 29, 1914 (discharge, 5,770 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.7 foot November 30, 1912 (discharge, approximately 12 second-feet).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice, not, however, for so long a period as at most gaging stations in the same latitude, owing to the fact that a decided rapids about 50 feet below the gage constitutes the control. The published discharge for winter periods in which the open-channel rating curve is not applicable has been based on gage readings and a comparison of the records with those for Snake River.

ACCURACY.—Results considered excellent. Control permanent, except from the lodging of logs or debris on the rapids, which rarely occurs; rating curve well defined.

The following discharge measurement was made by S. B. Soulé, July 31, 1915. Gage height, 1.45 feet; discharge, 116 second-feet. This measurement was made at the bridge, 2,000 feet above gage. Because of the extremely low velocity at this stage, the result is subject to considerable error. As the control is permanent, this measurement was disregarded in the preparation of estimates for 1915.

*Daily discharge in second-feet of Kettle River near Sandstone, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	370	269	124	80	63	100	288	1,130	648	1,090	148	117
2.....	343	265	118				309	1,170	565	1,010	141	117
3.....	316	261	112				330	1,680	540	935	141	112
4.....	288	258	112				375	2,200	515	865	141	112
5.....	288	254	112				420	2,200	515	800	148	112
6.....	288	250	112	80	63	100	442	1,990	735	735	148	112
7.....	288	233	112				465	1,890		675	141	112
8.....	288	216	108				490	1,700		620	141	108
9.....	288	216	103				675	1,610		592	141	108
10.....	330	216	99				800	1,430		565	136	108
11.....	420	216	94	80	63	100	935	1,260	900	515	136	101
12.....	420	216	90				935	1,170		515	136	101
13.....	398	210	90				900	1,010		465	136	112
14.....	375	204	90				865	1,010		442	136	160
15.....	375	198	90				865	1,610	1,170	515	136	216
16.....	330	192	90	84			800	2,320	1,090	865	136	216
17.....	309	186	90				768	2,580	1,090	420	136	216
18.....	288	181	90				675	2,580	1,090	330	136	186
19.....	288	176	90				648	2,440	1,010	330	131	186
20.....	288	170	90				620	2,090	1,010	288	131	186
21.....	288	165	90	84			620	1,990	935	269	131	173
22.....	288	160	70				620	1,890	935	250	124	160
23.....	291	160					288	675	1,610	865	233	124
24.....	294	160					309	1,340	1,430	935	216	124
25.....	297	160					309	1,520	1,170	865	216	124
26.....	300	160		84			288	1,520	1,090	832	216	124
27.....	303	160					269	1,520	1,010	800	201	117
28.....	306	148					269	1,520	905	1,090	188	117
29.....	309	136					269	1,430	800	1,260	174	117
30.....	296	130					269	1,260	705	1,770	161	117
31.....	282						250		675		148	117

NOTE.—Discharge Oct. 1 to Dec. 22 and Mar. 23 to Sept. 30, except as noted below, computed from a well-defined rating curve. Discharge interpolated as follows: Oct. 1-3, 23-28, 30-31; Nov. 2-5, 7, 9-11, 13-16, 18-21, 23-26, 28, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 4, 5, 8-11, Mar. 28, Apr. 4, May 3, and July 28-30. Discharge Dec. 23 to Mar. 22, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Discharge June 7-14, estimated because no gage height record was available. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Kettle River near Sandstone, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 825 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	420	282	317	0.384	0.44	B.
November.....	269	130	198	.240	.27	B.
December.....	124	.....	94.6	.115	.13	B.
January.....	.....	.....	80	.097	.11	C.
February.....	.....	.....	63	.076	.08	C.
March.....	309	.....	152	.184	.21	C.
April.....	1,520	288	821	.995	1.11	A.
May.....	2,580	675	1,560	1.89	2.18	A.
June.....	.....	515	916	1.11	1.24	B.
July.....	1,090	148	479	.581	.67	A.
August.....	148	117	133	.161	.19	A.
September.....	216	90	133	.161	.18	A.
The year.....	2,580	.....	414	.502	6.81	

#### SNAKE RIVER NEAR PINE CITY, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 26, T. 39 N., R. 21 W., at the Changwatana power station of the Eastern Minnesota Power Co., 600 feet below dam belonging to that company, 3,500 feet below Cross Lake, 2 miles below Pine City, and about 11 miles above the mouth, in Pine County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—915 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 26, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Staff gage attached to stone retaining wall in front of the power plant on the left bank of the river, read about eight times daily, to hundredths, by E. W. Barnum and other employees of the Eastern Minnesota Power Co. This gage is used for determining the flow over the dam during periods when all of the flow does not pass through turbines.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At low and medium stages made by wading; at high stages from bridge about 1,800 feet above the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream rock and heavy gravel; both banks in the vicinity of the gage are high and are not likely to overflow. Zero flow at stage of 0.2 foot.

**DETERMINATION OF FLOW.**—Flow determined by adding to the flow through the turbines the flow over the crest of the dam as obtained from readings of the staff gage. The flow through the turbines is computed from hourly records of the gate openings and head.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum mean daily discharge during year, 1,890 second-feet May 22; minimum mean daily discharge, 49 second-feet, January 10.

1913-1915: Maximum mean daily discharge, 4,140 second-feet July 2, 1914; minimum mean daily discharge, 33 second-feet February 11, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—All the water goes through the wheels in winter; flow estimated from gate openings and head.

**REGULATION.**—Power plant at the station is operated with a varying light and power load, causing daily and weekly fluctuations in discharge at low stages. No appreciable regulation above plant.

**ACCURACY.**—Results at medium and high stages considered excellent; at low stages fair to good. Conditions favorable for estimating the waste by means of the river gage; estimates of flow through the wheels probably less accurate, but as they are based on 24 readings of the gate opening daily, the accuracy should range from fair to good.

COOPERATION.—The hourly records of gate openings of the turbines and head and reading of the river gage are furnished by the Eastern Minnesota Power Co. Results for last part of current year computed by the employees of the company by means of the rating curves prepared by the U. S. Geological Survey. Computations have been checked by the Survey.

The following discharge measurement was made by S. B. Soulé from the highway bridge a short distance above the dam:

May 19, 1915: Gage height (river gage), 2.65 feet; discharge, 1,560 second-feet. Of this amount 208 second-feet passed through the turbines of the power plant and 1,352 second-feet were wasted over the dam and represents the flow past the river gage.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Snake River near Pine City, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	406	111	130	57	73	104	404	1,290	757	1,100	179	119
2.....	368	197	128	56	66	210	358	1,160	653	1,120	219	116
3.....	341	200	130	51	68	108	333	1,170	538	1,070	197	112
4.....	241	249	134	68	68	111	311	1,170	458	975	221	121
5.....	308	185	130	77	72	98	397	1,140	454	914	224	80
6.....	288	161	69	72	70	81	407	1,180	411	843	209	108
7.....	252	223	129	67	51	50	447	1,180	556	762	200	110
8.....	245	96	131	65	61	97	584	1,280	424	707	142	113
9.....	232	170	134	76	62	124	523	1,280	390	611	192	114
10.....	219	220	126	49	65	121	591	1,280	356	580	190	71
11.....	109	227	126	73	67	114	547	1,270	411	509	181	103
12.....	197	221	128	70	66	119	592	1,190	407	506	179	110
13.....	236	211	68	82	66	123	601	1,040	448	469	166	95
14.....	258	185	105	68	57	65	603	896	532	487	139	103
15.....	263	98	109	74	66	150	583	789	667	534	98	102
16.....	269	176	113	82	69	222	553	845	658	628	151	100
17.....	270	184	93	65	66	282	522	1,020	621	791	161	100
18.....	173	204	101	69	80	363	463	1,270	807	815	117	105
19.....	252	95	122	68	80	416	514	1,500	965	852	107	63
20.....	258	95	74	68	91	460	493	1,680	1,240	786	119	107
21.....	248	131	100	69	61	456	498	1,820	1,470	703	134	108
22.....	240	65	98	85	93	466	512	1,890	1,510	632	76	109
23.....	242	129	90	73	98	465	534	1,840	1,450	572	124	99
24.....	233	146	70	68	97	522	565	1,800	1,330	514	120	102
25.....	182	170	64	70	97	547	568	1,580	1,180	432	110	103
26.....	259	90	76	83	102	574	767	1,420	1,010	421	96	60
27.....	261	114	59	79	103	579	1,000	1,300	897	389	119	97
28.....	250	129	73	79	67	569	1,160	1,140	896	360	141	98
29.....	206	77	71	76	.....	553	1,220	984	955	342	75	97
30.....	182	116	67	69	.....	458	1,260	875	1,020	318	119	100
31.....	220	.....	67	62	.....	450	.....	812	.....	265	118	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined by adding the flow of the river opposite the power house, determined from a well-defined rating curve, to the flow through the power house. See "Determination of discharge" in station description.

*Monthly discharge of Snake River near Pine City, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 915 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	406	109	249	0.272	0.31	B.
November.....	249	65	156	.170	.19	B.
December.....	134	59	100	.109	.13	B.
January.....	85	49	70.0	.077	.09	B.
February.....	103	51	74.4	.081	.08	B.
March.....	579	50	292	.319	.37	B.
April.....	1,260	311	597	.652	.73	A.
May.....	1,890	789	1,260	1.38	1.59	A.
June.....	1,510	356	782	.855	.95	A.
July.....	1,120	265	645	.705	.81	A.
August.....	224	75	149	.163	.19	B.
September.....	121	60	101	.110	.12	B.
The year.....	1,890	49	375	.410	5.56	

## APPLE RIVER NEAR SOMERSET, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 21, T. 31 N., R. 19 W., St. Croix County, at the power plant of the St. Croix Power Co.,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles below Somerset and 2 miles above the mouth of the river.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—550 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January, 1901, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff; readings not used in determination of flow.

**DISCHARGE.**—The discharge of the turbines in second-feet corresponding to the number of kilowatts is determined for each hour during the day from a record of the number of wheels in operation and the load; the sum of the discharge divided by 24 gives the average discharge through the turbines. To this quantity is added the leakage through the average number of wheels idle each day, the sum giving the daily flow through the power house. Water is seldom wasted over the spillway of the dam, but when it is so wasted the quantity is computed from weir formulas and added to the flow through the plant. There is a constant leakage through the gate and flashboards amounting to 3 second-feet. This quantity has not been taken into consideration in computing the published records.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum mean daily discharge during year, 824 second feet April 7; minimum mean daily discharge, 104 second-feet August 29.

1904-1915: Maximum mean daily discharge, 2,280 second-feet June, 1905, minimum mean daily discharge, 38 second-feet May, 1910. No maximum and minimum records available for 1901-1903.

**REGULATION.**—There are a number of power plants on the Apple River above the station. The pondage of these plants is small, and though the daily flow may be controlled to some extent the mean monthly flow probably corresponds closely to the natural flow.

**ACCURACY.**—From 1901 to 1909 the discharge through the plant was determined from tables computed from data collected at tests on one of the turbines made at the flume of the Holyoke Water Power Co., Holyoke, Mass. In the summer of 1909 engineers of the St. Croix Power Co. made tests on the water flowing through all the wheels as actually installed, by means of a sharp crested weir 710 inches long, located about 60 feet below the power house. These tests gave results about 3 per cent larger than the Holyoke tests, and tables based on them have been used



in determining the discharge through the plant from 1909 to date. In June, 1914, a series of current meter measurements were made by the Wisconsin Railroad Commission and the United States Geological Survey, and a rating curve for the tailrace was developed. Twelve tests were then run with different wheels and loads. It was found that the discharge as determined by the current meter and the discharge as computed by the company agreed very closely, the percentage difference for the twelve tests ranging from -6.4 per cent to +1.8 per cent, with an average of -2.0 per cent; the discharge as determined by the company being 2 per cent less than that determined by the current meter.

COOPERATION.—Records furnished by the St. Paul Gas Light Co., of St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Fred A. Otto, superintendent.

No discharge measurements were made at this station during the year.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Apple River near Somerset, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	219	248	279	199	242	283	345	346	375	414	299	214
2.....	294	208	194	252	190	221	335	318	265	315	320	183
3.....	244	275	257	174	242	256	434	307	255	413	358	199
4.....	307	200	204	256	183	212	485	373	261	325	245	204
5.....	216	236	265	207	265	283	539	272	451	381	302	174
6.....	284	231	200	231	153	190	643	278	420	363	245	138
7.....	273	260	269	193	205	276	824	235	448	346	288	224
8.....	321	195	216	262	182	263	769	332	629	363	316	235
9.....	262	272	247	177	255	284	726	269	660	357	305	212
10.....	305	246	203	234	166	254	707	383	646	372	294	236
11.....	283	228	232	185	245	338	777	323	495	360	289	233
12.....	349	254	206	263	159	242	614	346	499	267	306	157
13.....	269	260	144	172	241	299	616	290	458	374	259	231
14.....	339	242	194	259	210	229	441	343	498	401	310	252
15.....	240	212	199	194	259	315	476	271	345	523	205	218
16.....	317	257	159	239	194	345	479	289	411	631	336	187
17.....	294	205	206	161	230	373	536	318	428	591	276	272
18.....	294	198	211	232	198	426	503	323	497	459	244	249
19.....	231	191	252	200	232	384	483	338	554	542	274	195
20.....	306	188	163	231	216	336	418	456	658	578	175	312
21.....	224	234	245	220	284	337	348	423	726	525	248	282
22.....	326	244	177	231	257	271	376	570	683	423	148	233
23.....	265	269	238	171	286	340	353	612	671	434	238	181
24.....	319	233	186	214	214	432	394	544	627	327	174	268
25.....	228	248	224	215	278	525	349	589	569	332	258	224
26.....	312	175	168	251	229	409	337	567	447	273	244	169
27.....	186	284	226	191	260	449	359	360	486	358	256	248
28.....	344	206	186	232	227	460	409	380	360	304	184	227
29.....	210	250	245	195	.....	457	351	274	431	302	104	225
30.....	310	241	180	227	.....	410	365	440	425	277	243	247
31.....	248	.....	230	165	.....	367	.....	393	.....	304	238	.....

NOTE.—See note under "Discharge" in station description for account of method by which records are obtained.

*Monthly discharge of Apple River near Somerset, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 550 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.	
October.....	349	186	278	0.505	0.58
November.....	284	175	233	.424	.47
December.....	279	144	213	.387	.45
January.....	263	161	214	.389	.45
February.....	286	153	225	.409	.43
March.....	525	190	331	.602	.69
April.....	824	335	493	.896	1.00
May.....	612	235	373	.678	.78
June.....	726	255	489	.889	.99
July.....	631	267	395	.718	.83
August.....	358	104	257	.467	.54
September.....	312	138	221	.402	.45
The year.....	824	104	310	.564	7.66

#### CHIPPEWA RIVER AT BISHOPS BRIDGE, NEAR WINTER, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 23, T. 39 N., R. 6 W., Sawyer County, near highway bridge about 3 miles downstream from the East Fork of Chippewa River (coming in from the left) and 4 miles by road northwest of Winter.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—775 square miles (measured on map published by the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—February 23, 1912, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Metal staff fastened to a wooden pier on right bank immediately above bridge January 27, 1914. Zero of this gage is 3.44 feet below the zero of the original wooden staff gage attached to the same pier and read prior to January 27, 1914. Gage read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by John Edberg.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of highway bridge immediately below gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream composed of gravel, free from vegetation, and not liable to shift. Control, head of rapids, about 1,000 feet below gage. One channel at all stages; banks do not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 7.65 feet 9 a. m. June 9 (discharge, 3,610 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 4.35 feet at 12.05 p. m. November 16 (discharge, 287 second-feet).

1913-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 7.8 feet April 21 and 22, 1913 (discharge, 3,820<sup>1</sup> second-feet); minimum discharge, 200 second-feet, recorded by discharge measurement made February 23, 1912.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Flow modified to some extent by operation of storage reservoir in sec. 14, T. 41 N., R. 6 W., about 16 miles above the station. This reservoir has a capacity of 550,000,000 cubic feet and is used in connection with reservoirs on Upper Flambeau River for the purpose of regulating the flow of Chippewa River.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; no diurnal fluctuation; channel and control permanent; observer reliable; open-water records believed excellent.

<sup>1</sup> Discharge published as 4,570 second-feet in United States Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 385 and Railroad Commission of Wisconsin water-power report to the Legislature, 1914, based on an erroneous extension of the rating curve.

*Discharge measurements of Chippewa River at Bishops Bridge, near Winter, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 11 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	4.90	464	Apr. 16	S. B. Soulé.....	6.10	1,530
Jan. 8 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	5.65	334	June 10	.....do.....	7.55	3,460
Feb. 8 <sup>b</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	5.74	320	July 15	H. C. Beckman.....	5.45	936
Mar. 15 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	6.11	416	Aug. 24	H. T. Critchlow.....	4.44	312

<sup>a</sup> Partial ice cover on river.

<sup>b</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Chippewa River at Bishops Bridge, near Winter, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,170	402	380	340	320	410	535	1,440	1,280	1,120	425	304
2.....	1,070	380	402					1,380	1,120	1,070	380	322
3.....	975	380	402					1,380	930	1,020	450	304
4.....	885	402	380					1,440	840	975	525	322
5.....	800	402	380					1,380	800	930	690	322
6.....	760	380	380	435			575	1,380	1,740	840	690	304
7.....	725	380					630	1,500	2,700	800	575	304
8.....	725	380					725	1,680	3,400	760	575	304
9.....	660	380					930	1,740	3,540	725	575	304
10.....	630	380					1,120	1,680	3,400	690	575	304
11.....	725	380		330	340	465	1,330	1,680	3,540	690	525	304
12.....	760	380					1,560	1,680	3,540	660	500	304
13.....	725	380					1,740	1,680	3,400	660	475	322
14.....	725	380					1,500	1,620	3,120	760	450	380
15.....	690	402					1,560	1,680	2,700	840	425	475
16.....	660	287	450	375	320	370	1,560	2,050	2,570	930	402	525
17.....	630						1,620	2,310	2,310	930	360	575
18.....	630						1,620	2,310	2,180	840	360	630
19.....	602						1,680	2,310	2,310	800	340	690
20.....	575						1,800	2,180	2,180	760	340	760
21.....	575	435		375	320	370	1,920	2,440	2,180	725	340	725
22.....	550						2,180	2,570	2,180	760	322	725
23.....	575						1,560	2,570	2,050	840	322	630
24.....	575						1,620	2,440	1,920	660	304	575
25.....	550	475					1,560	2,440	1,860	630	304	550
26.....	525	450	375	320	370	515	1,500	2,310	1,800	602	304	660
27.....	500	425					1,500	2,180	1,680	575	304	690
28.....	475	402					1,560	1,990	1,560	550	304	630
29.....	475	380					1,560	1,800	1,440	525	304	630
30.....	450	360					1,500	1,680	1,330	500	322	630
31.....	425						.....	1,560	.....	475	304	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 16, Nov. 25 to Dec. 6, Apr. 6 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve fairly well defined below 930 and above 2,050 second-feet, and well defined between these limits. Low water on Nov. 16 was caused by ice gorge which held back the water above the gage. Discharge Nov. 17-24 and Dec. 7 to Apr. 5 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements observer's notes, and weather records; braced figures show mean discharge for period indicated.

*Monthly discharge of Chippewa River at Bishops Bridge near Winter, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 775 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	1,170	425	671	0.866	1.00	B.
November.....	475		402	.519	.58	B.
December.....			409	.528	.61	C.
January.....			330	.426	.49	C.
February.....			341	.440	.46	C.
March.....			465	.600	.69	C.
April.....	2,180		1,300	1.68	1.87	B.
May.....	2,570	1,380	1,890	2.44	2.81	A.
June.....	3,540	800	2,190	2.83	3.16	A.
July.....	1,120	475	763	.985	1.14	A.
August.....	690	304	422	.545	.63	B.
September.....	760	304	483	.623	.70	B.
The year.....	3,540		806	1.04	14.14	

#### CHIPPEWA RIVER NEAR BRUCE, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 4, T. 35 N., R. 7 W., Rusk County, at the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway bridge 1 mile east of Bruce. Thornapple River enters from the right immediately above the station, and Flambeau River from the right about 21 miles below.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,380 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 31, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage, attached to downstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by H. C. Gardner.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Sand and small gravel; free from vegetation; first and second channels from the west fairly permanent; third channel nearest east bank has a tendency to fill during low stages with sand worked in by Thornapple River. Flow is at all times within the banks.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 7.05 feet at 6.45 a. m. May 18 (discharge, 5,940 second-feet); minimum discharge, 501 second-feet, recorded by measurement made February 3.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 9.32 feet at 6.45 a. m. April 30, 1914 (discharge, 8,620 second-feet); minimum discharge, 405 second-feet, recorded by measurement March 5, 1914. The absolute minimum was probably about 350 second-feet during the last part of February, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Flow modified to some extent by reservoir on the West Fork of Chippewa River, in sec. 14, T. 41 N., R. 6 W. This reservoir has a capacity of 550 million cubic feet and is used in connection with reservoirs on Upper Flambeau River, for the purpose of regulating the flow of Chippewa River. No diurnal fluctuation observed.

**ACCURACY.**—Estimates of flow above 2,500 second-feet believed excellent; below 2,500 second-feet estimates may be somewhat in error, owing to the filling of the channel during periods of low flow.

*Discharge measurements of Chippewa River near Bruce, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 5	H. C. Beckman.....	1.88	745	Mar. 17 <sup>b</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	3.49	708
Jan. 5 <sup>a</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	2.88	564	Apr. 7	M. F. Rather.....	3.68	2,400
Feb. 3 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	3.05	501	Aug. 27 <sup>c</sup>	H. T. Critchlow.....	1.70	552

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Made through partial ice cover.

<sup>c</sup> One channel filling with sand brought down by Thornapple River.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Chippewa River near Bruce, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,870	790	865	560	510	510	945	2,860	2,160	1,870	877	595
2.....	1,780	755						2,660	1,960	1,670	893	595
3.....	1,680	755						2,560	1,780	1,580	965	588
4.....	1,500	755						2,860	1,500	1,520	1,190	574
5.....	1,410	755						2,860	1,500	1,480	2,040	574
6.....	1,320	755	795	650	650	720	2,060	2,660	2,460	1,430	1,990	560
7.....	1,320	720					2,460	3,160	4,090	1,360	1,740	560
8.....	1,320	720					3,260	3,870	4,530	1,300	1,530	560
9.....	1,320	720					3,560	3,870	4,860	1,240	1,800	548
10.....	1,320	685					4,310	3,460	4,970	1,190	1,150	548
11.....	1,500	685	820	650	650	720	4,640	3,160	4,860	1,300	1,130	530
12.....	1,590	685					4,310	3,060	4,860	1,420	1,020	530
13.....	1,590	665					3,870	3,060	4,860	1,390	933	548
14.....	1,500	755					3,560	2,860	4,530	1,230	997	756
15.....	1,410	755					3,260	2,660	4,090	1,820	925	877
16.....	1,320	800	605	550	680	950	3,260	3,760	3,660	3,160	830	1,010
17.....	1,230						3,260	5,540	3,260	3,260	778	957
18.....	1,100						3,160	5,880	3,060	2,520	742	965
19.....	1,060						3,160	5,190	4,090	1,780	707	1,020
20.....	1,060						3,260	4,640	4,420	1,510	693	1,130
21.....	1,020	800	605	550	680	950	3,060	4,530	3,870	1,460	644	1,140
22.....	977						2,960	5,650	3,660	1,410	630	1,100
23.....	938						2,960	5,880	3,360	1,280	630	1,020
24.....	938						3,060	5,190	3,060	1,200	623	965
25.....	938						3,060	4,530	2,860	1,180	595	925
26.....	977	825	605	550	680	950	2,860	4,530	2,660	1,150	574	1,180
27.....	938						3,160	3,980	2,460	1,110	560	1,480
28.....	862						3,870	3,460	2,260	1,090	554	1,400
29.....	862						3,870	3,060	2,160	1,050	560	1,190
30.....	825						3,360	2,660	2,060	1,020	616	1,170
31.....	825						2,460	.....	.....	985	536	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, and Apr. 6 to July 31, from a rating curve fairly well defined below 2,500 second-feet, and well defined between 2,500 and 6,000 second-feet; Aug. 1 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 550 and 1,000 second-feet, and poorly defined above 1,000 second-feet; Nov. 16 to Apr. 5 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean flow for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Chippewa River near Bruce, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,380 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	1,870	825	1,240	0.898	1.04	B.
November.....			769	.557	.62	C.
December.....			750	.543	.63	D.
January.....			585	.424	.49	C.
February.....			609	.441	.46	C.
March.....			734	.532	.61	C.
April.....	4,640		2,940	2.13	2.38	A.
May.....	5,880	2,460	3,760	2.72	3.14	A.
June.....	4,970	1,500	3,330	2.41	2.69	A.
July.....	3,260	985	1,510	1.09	1.26	B.
August.....	2,040	536	934	.677	.78	C.
September.....	1,480	530	853	.618	.69	C.
The year.....	5,880		1,500	1.09	14.79	

#### CHIPPEWA RIVER AT CHIPPEWA FALLS, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 7, T. 28 N., R. 8 W., at the highway bridge at Chippewa Falls, Chippewa County, 2,500 feet below the mouth of Duncan Creek coming in from the right.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—5,600 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 22, 1888, to September 30, 1915. The gage was originally established by the Chippewa Lumber & Boom Co., which has kept a continuous record since 1889. Since 1904 the United States Weather Bureau has obtained gage readings during the flood season of each year. On June 1, 1906, the United States Geological Survey began making discharge measurements and obtained gage readings when no record was obtained by the Weather Bureau.

**GAGE.**—Friez water-stage recorder installed January, 1914, on web between the two piers supporting first right-hand span and about 10 feet upstream from gage formerly used by United States Weather Bureau; gage referred to the original datum. Prior to installation of this recording gage readings were taken from a painted staff gage on the cylindrical pier at the right end of bridge. See Water-Supply Paper 355, page 118, for reported error in this gage, found August 19, 1913.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel; fairly permanent; both banks high and will rarely overflow.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 8.12 feet at 6 a. m. May 23 (discharge, 24,100 second-feet); minimum discharge, 959 second-feet, recorded by discharge measurement made March 8; absolute winter minimum probably somewhat lower owing to regulation.

1888-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 26.03 feet December 6, 1896. September 10, 1884, a stage of 26.03 feet was reached; discharge not estimated; minimum stage recorded, -0.8 foot July 24, 1910 (discharge, approximately, 460 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, recording gage graph, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Some fluctuation is caused by the operation of power plant about half a mile above gage. The greatest fluctuation is, however, caused by the operation of larger plants above, notably the plant of the Brunet Falls Manufac-

turing Co., at Cornell, Wis. As a result of storage in the headwaters of Chippewa and Flambeau rivers, the recorded monthly flow does not represent natural flow. ACCURACY.—Rating curve well defined; recording graph accurate; open-water records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 9	H. C. Beckman.....	1.10	2,680	Feb. 1 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	.92	1,060
Dec. 23 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.52	1,760	Mar. 8 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	.72	1,210
Jan. 4 <sup>a</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	.74	1,000	8 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	.49	959
26 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	1.30	1,440	9 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.26	1,860
27 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.67	1,730	Aug. 23	H. T. Critchlow.....	1.04	2,600

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	5,490	2,960	2,160				2,910	9,140	6,700	4,740	2,870	2,640
2.....	5,120	3,040	3,090				3,020	7,980	5,620	4,620	3,900	2,500
3.....	4,490	2,850	3,110				3,220	7,980	5,490	4,250	7,400	2,540
4.....	4,130	2,780	3,330				3,660	7,980	5,180	4,130	15,300	2,520
5.....	4,010	2,810	3,200				4,620	8,850	4,860	3,780	21,500	2,420
6.....	3,660	2,720	3,070	1,450	1,450	1,830	7,400	8,850	5,620	3,510	21,500	2,330
7.....	4,130	2,780	3,330				10,900	9,430	7,690	3,660	19,500	2,040
8.....	4,130	2,760	2,560				14,000	11,500	10,900	3,260	17,200	2,500
9.....	3,530	2,600	2,620				16,600	13,400	12,500	3,400	15,000	2,440
10.....	4,860	2,740	2,560				17,600	12,800	13,400	3,240	12,800	2,250
11.....	4,740	2,600	2,310				19,400	11,200	13,100	3,900	10,600	1,810
12.....	4,990	2,720	2,330				20,400	10,300	13,400	8,850	8,400	2,020
13.....	6,840	2,850	2,350				19,400	9,140	12,800	8,850	6,200	1,880
14.....	6,420	2,830	1,990				16,600	8,850	12,500	6,420	4,250	2,580
15.....	6,010	2,830					14,700	8,270	11,500	6,280	4,010	3,330
16.....	5,620	2,850		1,300	1,520	2,090	13,100	9,140	10,300	7,690	3,660	6,700
17.....	5,240	2,560	2,350				12,500	12,200	9,430	9,720	3,550	7,260
18.....	4,620	2,160					12,500	16,600	8,560	10,600	3,550	6,840
19.....	4,490	1,970					11,500	16,600	9,430	8,560	3,130	7,400
20.....	4,250	2,270					11,200	16,000	12,500	6,280	3,000	5,880
21.....	4,010	2,200					10,600	15,600	13,700	5,120	2,850	4,990
22.....	3,780	2,160					10,000	21,100	12,500	4,860	2,440	4,620
23.....	3,900	1,940					9,430	23,700	11,200	4,130	2,560	4,250
24.....	3,660	2,200					10,000	22,200	10,000	3,900	2,740	4,250
25.....	3,290	1,960					10,300	19,000	8,560	3,660	2,270	4,130
26.....	3,440	2,580	1,700	1,350	1,820	2,830	10,300	15,300	7,980	3,900	2,380	4,010
27.....	3,220	2,620					9,720	14,000	6,580	3,530	2,310	6,840
28.....	3,240	2,540					10,000	11,500	5,180	4,010	2,480	8,270
29.....	3,150	3,400					10,900	10,300	3,780	3,550	2,400	7,400
30.....	2,960	2,830					10,600	8,560	4,860	3,480	2,310	7,120
31.....	3,020							7,690		3,150	2,600	

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Nov. 7, May 15-16, June 3-5, and 26-30, and Aug. 6-14, partly estimated; Oct. 1 to Dec. 14, and Apr. 1 to Sept. 30, with the exception of the above days, from a rating curve well defined between 2,390 and 23,700 second-feet. Discharge, Dec. 15 to Mar. 31, estimated, because of ice from discharge measurements, recording graph, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period indicated.

*Monthly discharge of Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 5,600 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	6,840	2,960	4,340	0.775	0.89	A.
November.....	3,400	1,940	2,600	.464	.52	A.
December.....	3,330		2,280	.407	.47	C.
January.....			1,370	.245	.28	B.
February.....			1,580	.282	.29	B.
March.....			2,270	.405	.47	C.
April.....	20,400	2,910	11,200	2.00	2.23	A.
May.....	23,700	7,690	12,400	2.21	2.55	A.
June.....	13,700	3,780	9,190	1.64	1.83	B.
July.....	10,600	3,150	5,130	.916	1.06	A.
August.....	21,500	2,270	6,920	1.24	1.43	C.
September.....	8,270	1,810	4,190	.748	.83	A.
The year.....	23,700		5,310	.948	12.85	

#### WEST FORK OF CHIPPEWA RIVER AT LESSARDS, NEAR WINTER, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 34, T. 40 N., R. 6 W., in Sawyer County, at Lessards, about 1 mile above mouth of East Fork of Chippewa River, coming in from the left, and 8 miles by road northwest of the post office of Winter.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—485 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 22, 1911, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—July 18 to Sept. 30, 1915, a sloping gage on the right bank, about 100 feet below old staff gage; datum set so that it would read the same at medium stage of water; Dec. 22, 1911, to July 17, 1914, vertical staff and metal gage fastened to log booms on right side of river. Gage read during 1915 twice daily, morning and evening, to half-tenths by Miss Ulda Lessard.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from a boat at a section near old staff gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Banks medium high; seldom overflow; channel heavy gravel and not liable to shift. Control, head of rapids a short distance below gage. During certain periods logs lodge on this control and cause backwater.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 7.25 feet at 8 a. m., June 10 (discharge, 1,790 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.0 feet, August and September (discharge, 170 second-feet).

1911-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 6.8 feet, April 22 to 26, 1913 (discharge, 1,960 second-feet); minimum discharge, 127 second-feet, recorded by measurement February 23, 1912.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—A dam at outlet of Moose Lake, T. 41 N., R. 6 W., has a capacity of 550 million cubic feet. This reservoir is operated to increase the low-water flow in the lower Chippewa River.

**ACCURACY.**—Owing to the presence of logs on the control during a large part of the year, possible error in gage datum prior to July 17, and possible errors in gage readings, the published records are only fair.



*Discharge measurements of West Fork of Chippewa River at Lessards, near Winter, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 11 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	5.20	235	June 10	S. B. Soulé.....	7.18	1,720
Jan. 8 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	5.85	246	July 16	H. C. Beckman.....	d 5.85	646
Feb. 8 <sup>c</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	6.10	202	.....do.....	.....do.....	d 5.81	579
Mar. 15 <sup>c</sup>	.....do.....	6.25	304	Aug. 25 <sup>e</sup>	H. T. Critchlow.....	d 5.03	176
Apr. 16 <sup>c</sup>	S. B. Soulé.....	6.54	850	.....do.....	.....do.....	d 5.03	186

<sup>a</sup> Partial ice cover on river.

<sup>b</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>c</sup> Logs jammed on control section.

<sup>d</sup> Gage height refers to new slope gage.

<sup>e</sup> Small amount of grass in control section.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of West Fork of Chippewa River at Lessards, near Winter, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	770	262	215	240	195	280	385	715	800	800	465	170
2.....	770	262	245					715		758	212	170
3.....		262	245					715		715	258	170
4.....		245	245					758		630	282	170
5.....		245	245					800		630	306	170
6.....		245	245	245			545	800	1,440	592	306	170
7.....		245						800		555	306	170
8.....		190						842		555	258	170
9.....		190						885		1,540	630	258
10.....		190						928		1,740	800	258
11.....		190		235	235	315	545	970	1,640	460	258	170
12.....		190						970	1,540	460	258	235
13.....		190						1,020	1,340	490	235	235
14.....		190						1,060	1,160	555	235	258
15.....		190						1,110	1,160	630	212	258
16.....	445	245	225	200	270	330	1,020	800	1,160	630	212	282
17.....		245						800	1,060	555	212	282
18.....		245						885	970	600	212	282
19.....		215						1,020	928	928	212	410
20.....		215						1,020	928	970	212	410
21.....		215		215	270	330	715	970	970		170	410
22.....		245						885	970	1,020	170	465
23.....		245						885	1,020	1,060	170	465
24.....		245						800	1,020	1,020	170	465
25.....		245						715	1,060	970	400	170
26.....		245	215	215	270	330	715	1,060	970		170	410
27.....		245						758	1,160	1,020	170	383
28.....		245						715	1,060	1,020	191	356
29.....	300	245						715	928	928	191	383
30.....	280	215						715	800	842	170	383
31.....	262							750			170	

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 and 2, Apr. 17 to May 29, June 8 to July 16, from curves based on discharge measurements made when logs were present on the control; Oct. 29 to Dec. 6, July 17, 18, and Aug. 1 to Sept. 30, from curves representing open-channel conditions; Oct. 3-28, Apr. 6-16, June 1-8, and July 19-31, when control was obstructed by logs or gage readings were unreliable, estimated from flow of Chippewa River at Bishop's Bridge. Dec. 7 to Apr. 5, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period indicated.

*Monthly discharge of West Fork of Chippewa River at Lessards, near Winter, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 485 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....		262	450	0.928	1.07	C.
November.....	262	190	230	.474	.53	B.
December.....			227	.468	.54	C.
January.....			224	.462	.53	C.
February.....			231	.476	.50	C.
March.....			309	.637	.73	C.
April.....	1,250		671	1.38	1.54	C.
May.....	1,160	715	911	1.88	2.17	B.
June.....	1,740		1,070	2.21	2.47	C.
July.....	800		524	1.08	1.24	C.
August.....	465	170	228	.470	.54	B.
September.....	465	170	290	.598	.67	A.
The year.....	1,740		448	.924	12.53	

#### FLAMBEAU RIVER NEAR BUTTERNUT, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In the NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 28, T. 40 N., R. 1 E., in Ashland County, about 6 miles northeast of Butternut and 7 miles upstream from Park Falls.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—660 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 30, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical cast-iron staff gage attached to posts driven into the right bank of river; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Miss Mathilda Schultz.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from a cable about 1,500 feet downstream from the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel at the gage composed of mud and rock; left bank is low and likely to overflow; right bank slopes back gradually to high-water mark; at the cable site, 1,500 feet below the gage, the channel is rocky and the banks high. Control is head of Schultz Rapids, 1,700 feet below the gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 6.2 feet at 1 p. m. June 10, 1915 (discharge, 2,840 second-feet); minimum discharge, 365 second-feet, recorded by measurement November 19, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Storage reservoirs are maintained by the Chippewa & Flambeau Improvement Co. on the headwaters of Flambeau River. Of these reservoirs, Rest Lake, in sec. 9, T. 42 N., R. 5 E., with a capacity of 1,500,000 cubic feet, is the largest.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined over range in stage covered by gage heights; no diurnal fluctuation; channel permanent; open-water records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Flambeau River near Butternut, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 19 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.62	365	Apr. 8 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	2.00	512
Jan. 7 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	1.65	466	Apr. 15	S. B. Soule.....	3.85	1,310
Feb. 4 <sup>b</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	1.68	385	June 9	.....do.....	5.94	2,640
Mar. 12 <sup>b</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.94	408	Aug. 12	H. T. Chritchlow.....	2.55	702

<sup>a</sup> Partial ice cover, control practically open.    <sup>b</sup> Measurement made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Flambeau River near Butternut, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.				1914.				1914.			
1.....		725	962	11.....		940	805	21.....		985	1,120
2.....		673	962	12.....		940	814	22.....		940	1,300
3.....		624	940	13.....		1,010	810	23.....		1,010	1,220
4.....		616	940	14.....		1,010	895	24.....		1,050	1,220
5.....		616	940	15.....		962	1,100	25.....		1,030	1,170
6.....		577	918	16.....		1,030	1,120	26.....		1,030	1,140
7.....		577	918	17.....		1,080	1,220	27.....		1,050	1,100
8.....		547	859	18.....		1,100	1,220	28.....		985	1,050
9.....		518	832	19.....		1,050	1,220	29.....		962	1,030
10.....		841	760	20.....		985	1,170	30.....	764	890	940
								31.....	774	859	.....

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.												
1.....	940	682						872	1,010	1,220	554	805
2.....	886	682						850	940	1,170	592	805
3.....	841	682						850	886	1,080	673	760
4.....	796	699						940	841	1,030	805	716
5.....	787	707					430	985	805	940	850	716
6.....	751	699				385		940	2,070	850	895	673
7.....	734	694						1,080	2,210	716	940	673
8.....	742	751						1,200	2,560	673	895	632
9.....	738	814					449	1,280	2,700	632	850	632
10.....	738	823					914	1,250	2,840	592	805	592
11.....	782	796					1,380	1,080	2,700	632	805	592
12.....	769	782					1,410	1,080	2,490	673	716	554
13.....	738	734					1,440	1,010	2,350	716	673	592
14.....	751	751					1,370	940	2,210	760	673	716
15.....	751	764					1,300	940	2,000	805	716	805
16.....	738	716			380	395	1,330	1,170	1,940	850	716	850
17.....	738						1,330	1,380	1,870	850	760	895
18.....	699						1,330	1,440	1,680	760	760	940
19.....	707						1,300	1,300	1,870	805	760	940
20.....	694						1,280	1,200	1,940	805	760	940
21.....	694						1,220	1,200	1,800	760	760	895
22.....	657						1,120	1,500	1,800	716	760	850
23.....	632						1,120	1,620	1,740	716	716	850
24.....	632						1,100	1,620	1,620	716	760	940
25.....	665						1,080	1,560	1,500	716	805	940
26.....	648		460	395	420	390	375	1,030	1,380	1,380	760	805
27.....	632							1,010	1,330	1,330	716	850
28.....	632							1,030	1,220	1,280	632	805
29.....	657							1,030	1,220	1,280	632	850
30.....	682							985	1,120	1,280	592	850
31.....	682							1,050	.....	592	850	.....

NOTE.—Discharge July 30 to Nov. 16, 1914, and Apr. 9 to Sept. 30, 1915, except Apr. 10, 12, 14, and 17, determined from a well-defined rating curve; discharge Apr. 10, 12, and 14 interpolated. Discharge Nov. 17 to Apr. 8 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements and weather records, the observer's notes not being used on account of instability of gage during winter period; braced figures show mean discharge for period indicated.

*Monthly discharge of Flambeau River near Butternut, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

[Drainage area 660 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August.....	1,100	518	878	1.33	1.53	A.
September.....	1,300	760	1,020	1.55	1.73	A.
1914-15.						
October.....	940	632	727	1.10	1.27	A.
November.....	823		599	.908	1.01	B.
December.....			443	.671	.77	C.
January.....			426	.645	.74	C.
February.....			383	.580	.60	C.
March.....			385	.583	.67	C.
April.....	1,440		967	1.47	1.64	C.
May.....	1,620	850	1,180	1.79	2.06	A.
June.....	2,840	805	1,760	2.67	2.98	A.
July.....	1,220	592	778	1.18	1.36	A.
August.....	940	554	774	1.18	1.36	A.
September.....	1,120	554	830	1.26	1.41	A.
The year.....	2,840		772	1.17	15.87	

#### FLAMBEAU RIVER NEAR LADYSMITH, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 20, T. 35 N., R. 5. W., Rusk County, at H. J. Cornelissen's farm, about 6 miles by road northeast of Ladysmith, 20 miles above mouth of river, and 19 miles below mouth of South Fork of Flambeau River,<sup>1</sup> coming in from the right.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,940 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January 2, 1914, to September 30, 1915. From February 15, 1903, to December 2, 1906, records were collected at a station in the city of Ladysmith, three-fourths of a mile south of the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Railway station, half a mile below the dam of the Menasha Pulp Co. and about 6 miles below the present station.

**GAGE.**—Chain, fastened to a cantilever arm, supported by two trees on the left bank of the river, on the farm of H. J. Cornelissen; read twice daily, morning and afternoon, to quarter-tenths by H. J. Cornelissen.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from cable across the river about 200 feet below gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel, gravel and sand; free from vegetation and fairly permanent; at the gage section channel is divided by a small sandy island in the center; at the cable section the river flows in one channel; banks are medium high, wooded, and do not overflow; control not well defined, formed by the channel below the gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage when channel was clear of ice and logs recorded during year, 7.2 feet at 7 p. m. May 17 (discharge, 9,520 second-feet); minimum discharge 552 second-feet, recorded by discharge measurements made February 2. The absolute minimum discharge during the winter period probably is somewhat lower.

1903-1906 and 1914-1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 12,800 second-feet May 28 and 29, 1903; minimum discharge, 390 second-feet December 4, 1904.

<sup>1</sup> Called Dore Flambeau in Water-Supply Paper 385, p. 136.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by surface and slush ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—The Chippewa & Flambeau Improvement Co. operates storage reservoirs on Rest Lake and smaller reservoirs on Manitowish and Turtle Rivers and Bear Creek. Weekly fluctuations at the gage are caused by the operation of power plants at Park Falls and by the storage reservoirs; no daily fluctuation has been observed.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve fairly well developed over a range in stage covered by 95 per cent of the gage heights. Control permanent; no marked diurnal fluctuation; open-water records good; winter records only fair owing to presence of surface and slush ice, which makes it extremely difficult to measure the discharge accurately and which causes more than a usual amount of backwater at the gage.

*Discharge measurements of Flambeau River near Ladysmith, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 6	H. C. Beckman.....	2.65	1,290	Apr. 6 <sup>a</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	4.20	1,330
Jan. 6 <sup>a</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	3.88	646	14	S. B. Soule.....	4.95	4,240
Feb. 2 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	3.70	552	June 11	.....do.....	5.23	5,030
Mar. 18 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	3.75	599	Aug. 20	H. C. Beckman.....	3.38	2,160

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover; ice on control.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Flambeau River near Ladysmith, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
<b>1913-14.</b>												
1.								7,840	2,770	5,440	1,450	2,050
2.								6,500	2,370	4,760	1,240	2,280
3.								6,320	2,090	4,600	1,240	2,510
4.								5,440	3,180	4,200	1,220	2,490
5.								4,760	3,110	3,480	1,020	2,330
6.							1,000	4,760	3,400	3,330	944	2,220
7.								4,120	2,900	3,260	972	2,130
8.					860	640		4,200	2,770	2,200	1,030	2,020
9.								4,200	2,410	1,930	916	1,890
10.								4,280	2,150	1,800	963	1,730
11.								3,960	1,860	1,660	1,010	1,860
12.								3,880	1,560	1,630	1,360	2,030
13.								3,880	1,430	2,170	1,620	2,170
14.							2,000	3,640	1,320	2,450	1,670	2,280
15.								3,480	1,250	2,590	1,780	2,770
16.				1,100				3,640	1,340	2,560	1,890	3,480
17.								3,640	1,080	2,430	1,930	3,560
18.								2,700	1,120	2,130	2,030	3,960
19.								3,640	3,180	1,190	1,860	3,880
20.								3,330	3,960	1,340	1,850	3,260
21.								3,480	3,400	1,230	1,720	3,110
22.								2,900	3,480	1,060	1,600	2,970
23.								2,900	2,330	1,160	1,520	3,480
24.					750	630		2,840	2,220	2,200	1,460	3,480
25.								3,960	2,250	4,440	2,020	3,330
26.								4,200	2,130	5,100	1,620	2,970
27.								4,930	1,930	5,610	1,930	2,760
28.								6,680	1,910	6,140	1,770	2,540
29.								9,640	3,960	5,960	1,600	2,440
30.								9,240	3,480	5,710	1,470	2,250
31.									2,970		1,460	2,080

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Flambeau River near Ladysmith, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915—Continued.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1914-15.													
1.	1,970	1,280	880	480	690	855	1,770	2,800	2,400	2,090	1,190	1,430	
2.	1,960	1,230						2,500	2,140	2,040	1,100	1,410	
3.	1,790	1,230						2,640	2,050	1,900	1,400	1,410	
4.	1,650	1,230						2,840	1,860	1,740	1,930	1,250	
5.	1,580	1,320						3,040	1,810	1,620	2,770	1,220	
6.	1,460	1,250						2,870	1,910	1,730	3,180	1,250	
7.	1,600	1,320						3,110	3,110	1,540	3,180	963	
8.	1,690	1,340						3,720	3,960	1,470	2,840	889	
9.	1,720	1,320						4,120	4,440	1,360	2,540	1,030	
10.	1,730	1,210						4,200	4,440	1,360	2,210	944	
11.	1,930	1,350	635	480	1,030	910	5,100	3,960	4,930	1,620	2,040	853	
12.	2,080	1,340						3,960	4,600	1,660	1,840	889	
13.	2,200	1,440						3,960	4,440	1,380	1,650	1,010	
14.	2,030	1,350						4,760	4,120	4,280	1,580	1,220	
15.	1,980	1,350						4,200	4,200	3,960	1,970	1,330	1,650
16.	1,810	1,050						4,120	6,140	3,560	2,450	1,400	1,910
17.	1,720							3,720	9,240	3,330	2,580	1,440	2,210
18.	1,580							3,640	5,440	3,040	2,440	1,500	2,330
19.	1,560							3,800	5,100	3,800	2,270	1,350	2,270
20.	1,460							3,960	4,120	4,200	2,090	1,360	2,170
21.	1,540							3,800	4,280	4,200	1,780	1,250	1,980
22.	1,450							3,800	5,610	4,120	1,840	1,180	1,890
23.	1,380							3,610	6,140	3,800	1,500	1,130	1,810
24.	1,430							3,420	5,440	3,480	1,460	1,330	1,690
25.	1,460							3,230	5,440	3,330	1,490	1,230	1,850
26.	1,450	665	615	875	755	3,040	5,100	3,040	5,100	2,870	1,470	1,320	
27.	1,470							2,900	4,280	2,540	1,490	1,140	3,260
28.	1,350							3,260	3,560	2,340	1,470	1,210	3,330
29.	1,400							3,180	3,180	2,200	1,560	1,350	3,180
30.	1,360							3,040	2,150	1,250	1,440	3,180	3,180
31.	1,300							2,630	2,630	1,180	1,360	.....	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined between 1,020 and 6,140 second-feet above 6,140 second-feet curve is based on an extension of the area and mean velocity curves and is approximate only. Discharge Jan. 1 to Apr. 17, 1914, and Nov. 16, 1914, to Apr. 12, 1915, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period indicated. Discharge Apr. 23-25, 1915, interpolated because of backwater from logs.

*Monthly discharge of Flambeau River near Ladysmith, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,940 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
January.....			1,100	0.567	0.65	D.
February.....			809	.417	.43	D.
March.....			635	.327	.38	D.
April.....	9,640		2,810	1.45	1.62	C.
May.....	7,840	1,910	3,850	1.98	2.28	B.
June.....	6,140	1,060	2,640	1.36	1.52	A.
July.....	5,440	1,460	2,410	1.24	1.43	A.
August.....	2,970	916	1,810	.933	1.08	A.
September.....	3,960	1,730	2,670	1.38	1.54	A.
1914-15.						
October.....	2,200	1,300	1,650	0.851	0.98	A.
November.....	1,440		1,180	.608	.68	B.
December.....			725	.374	.43	D.
January.....			528	.272	.31	C.
February.....			864	.445	.46	C.
March.....			837	.431	.50	C.
April.....	5,100		2,930	1.51	1.68	C.
May.....	9,240	2,500	4,220	2.51	2.51	A.
June.....	4,930	1,810	3,310	2.18	1.91	A.
July.....	2,580	1,180	1,720	.887	1.02	A.
August.....	3,186	1,100	1,670	.861	.99	A.
September.....	3,330	853	1,770	.912	1.02	A.
The year.....	9,240		1,780	.918	12.49	

## JUMP RIVER AT SHELDON, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 26, T. 33 N., R. 5 W., at highway bridge in the village of Sheldon, Rusk County, about 11 miles above the confluence of Jump and Chippewa rivers.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—510 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 22 to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage bolted to downstream side of hand rail of bridge.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel, clean, and free from vegetation; right bank high and will not overflow; left bank may overflow occasionally.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during part of year ending September 30, 1915, 7.82 feet at 7 a. m. August 5; minimum stage recorded, 3.10 feet, Sept. 6, 7, 8, and 9.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow to be determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**ACCURACY.**—Channel conditions permanent; gage records reliable.

The following discharge measurement was made by H. C. Beckman.

July 22, 1915: Gage height, 3.90 feet; discharge, 483 second-feet.

Data insufficient for estimates of daily discharge.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Jump River at Sheldon, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		3.41	3.28	11.....		4.4	3.12	21.....		3.24	4.3
2.....		4.0	3.21	12.....		4.05	3.12	22.....		3.92	3.21
3.....		6.1	3.18	13.....		3.82	3.15	23.....		3.76	3.21
4.....		7.2	3.15	14.....		3.09	3.36	24.....		3.74	3.20
5.....		7.8	3.15	15.....		3.56	5.8	25.....		4.3	3.18
6.....		7.4	3.11	16.....		3.51	6.1	26.....		4.4	3.15
7.....		6.7	3.10	17.....		3.42	5.65	27.....		4.15	3.14
8.....		6.1	3.11	18.....		3.35	5.15	28.....		3.89	3.12
9.....		5.5	3.14	19.....		3.30	4.7	29.....		3.76	3.22
10.....		4.85	3.15	20.....		3.28	4.4	30.....		3.65	3.28
								31.....		3.51	3.28

## EAU CLAIRE RIVER NEAR AUGUSTA, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 12, T. 26 N., R. 6 E., Eau Claire County, at Trouble Water Bridge, about 7 miles northeast of Augusta. South Fork of Eau Claire River enters from the left about 4 miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—500 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 16, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage on downstream side of bridge; read once daily in the morning to quarter-tenths by Albert Wagner.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge during medium and high stages; low-water measurements made by wading at control about 500 feet downstream from bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—The channel at the bridge and above is sandy and very shifting; a short distance below the gage the channel narrows and a rock out-crop overlain with large boulders forms the control. Banks high and not subject to overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 7.7 feet at 9 a. m. May 23, 1915 (discharge, 4,370 second-feet); minimum discharge 55 second-feet; recorded by measurement made December 30, 1914, and January 28, 1915.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

REGULATION.—No dams are at present in operation above the station; flow natural.

ACCURACY.—Excellent rating curve developed over range covered by gage heights; control apparently permanent; no diurnal fluctuation; records good.

*Discharge measurements of Eau Claire River near Augusta, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 10	H. C. Beckman.....	0.83	174	Apr. 8	H. C. Beckman.....	5.59	2,480
Dec. 30 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.25	55	8	do.....	5.52	2,400
Jan. 28 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	1.14	55	July 1	W. G. Hoyt.....	.81	167
Mar. 4 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.87	137	Sept. 10	H. T. Critchlow.....	.46	86.1
Apr. 3	M. F. Rather.....	2.25	613	10	do.....	.46	84.4

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Eau Claire River near Augusta, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.				1914.				1914.			
1.....		119	138	12.....		91	523	22.....	167	191	530
2.....		119	179	13.....		85	463	23.....	179	239	866
3.....		119	179	14.....		85	634	24.....	191	269	710
4.....		114	155	15.....		75	1,890	25.....	172	239	634
5.....		107	162	16.....	446	85	2,840	26.....	155	191	513
6.....		95	1,040	17.....	365	179	1,690	27.....	143	167	397
7.....		95	947	18.....	275	191	1,510	28.....	143	155	333
8.....		95	530	19.....	234	239	990	29.....	131	138	295
9.....		95	365	20.....	179	227	710	30.....	131	119	254
10.....		95	301	21.....	179	191	496	31.....	131	107	.....
11.....		95	414								
1914-15.											
1.....	227	215					430	349	269	179	381
2.....	210	210					496	301	239	160	365
3.....	196	203					598	365	227	136	886
4.....	186	203					990	748	215	136	1,630
5.....	179	203					1,460	748	215	136	2,310
6.....	167	203	190	59	75	155	2,520	672	381	148	2,380
7.....	191	186					3,320	786	1,760	160	1,400
8.....	710	179					2,450	1,180	1,080	136	1,040
9.....	826	179					1,890	1,080	826	179	767
10.....	634	172					1,820	826	826	148	520
11.....	710	167					1,760	634	1,820	141	407
12.....	886	172					1,510	513	1,760	136	317
13.....	1,180	179					1,290	414	990	124	349
14.....	2,030	191					1,080	397	826	112	349
15.....	1,510	215					990	381	634	131	317
16.....	990	285	140	62	175	260	947	672	530	368	248
17.....	748	191					1,040	1,290	463	257	215
18.....	598						906	1,290	463	229	191
19.....	513						748	1,180	1,080	210	167
20.....	463						672	1,040	1,290	181	160
21.....	397						598	1,890	906	157	143
22.....	365						530	4,250	672	157	131
23.....	333						480	4,370	564	157	131
24.....	317						463	2,030	430	169	150
25.....	317	200				755	430	1,400	349	162	126
26.....	333		75	56	420		430	826	285	193	119
27.....	285						414	634	239	169	112
28.....	269						826	496	496	203	295
29.....	239						598	496	463	191	314
30.....	227						496	414	381	227	229
31.....	215						463		301		225

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: July 16 to Nov. 17, 1914, and Mar. 28 to Sept. 30, 1915, except Apr. 10, from a rating curve well defined between 57 and 2,760 second-feet; rating curve above 2,760 second-feet approximate, being based on extension of curve and mean velocity curves. Discharge for Apr. 10 interpolated. Discharge Nov. 18 to Mar. 27 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.



*Monthly discharge of Eau Claire River near Augusta, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

[Drainage area, 500 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
July 16-31.....	446	131	201	0.402	0.24	A.
August.....	269	75	142	.284	.33	A.
September.....	2,840	138	690	1.38	1.54	A.
October.....	2,030	167	531	1.06	1.22	A.
November.....	285		198	.396	.44	B.
December.....			133	.266	.31	C.
January.....			58.9	.118	.14	C.
February.....			209	.418	.44	C.
March.....			381	.762	.88	C.
April.....	3,320	414	1,060	2.12	2.36	B.
May.....	4,370	301	1,030	2.06	2.38	A.
June.....	1,820	191	665	1.33	1.48	A.
July.....	368	112	182	.364	.42	A.
August.....	2,380	107	508	1.02	1.18	B.
September.....	493	87	159	.318	.35	B.
The year.....	4,370		427	.854	11.60	

#### RED CEDAR RIVER NEAR COLFAX, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 27, T. 30 N., R. 11 W., Dunn County, at a highway bridge about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Colfax. Hay River enters from the right about 11 miles below, and Trout Creek, also from the right,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,100 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 10, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to the downstream side of the bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by Andrew Lundegum.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Rock and gravel; small amount of grass growth during summer months; left bank high and will not overflow; right bank medium high and may overflow during extremely high water; control not well defined.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.15 feet at 7 a. m. April 7 (discharge, 3,320 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.80 foot at 5 p. m. November 19 (discharge, approximately 385 second-feet).

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 4.95 feet at 6.10 p. m. June 28, 1914 (discharge, 4,380 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.80 foot November 19, 1914 (discharge, approximately 385 second-feet, apparently caused by the temporary holding back of the water by ice).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; discharge estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**<sup>1</sup>—Flow regulated by the operation of reservoirs at the following dams: Long Lake, sec. 24, T. 37 N., R. 11 W., capacity 1,000,000,000 cubic feet; Cedar Lake, sec. 21, T. 36 N., R. 10 W., capacity 965,000,000 cubic feet; Birch Lake, sec. 25, T. 37 N., R. 10 W., capacity 1,174,000,000 cubic feet; Bear Lake, sec. 7, T. 36 N., R. 11 W., capacity 280,000,000 cubic feet; and Chetac Lake, sec. 20, T. 33 N., R. 10 W., capacity 998,000,000 cubic feet.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve very well defined above 560 second-feet; channel fairly permanent; no diurnal fluctuation; records good.

<sup>1</sup> From data on file in Railroad Commission of Wisconsin, Engineering Dept.

*Discharge measurements of Red Cedar River near Colfax, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 7	H. C. Beckman	1.42	619	Mar. 6 <sup>b</sup>	H. C. Beckman	2.80	758
Dec. 29 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield	2.70	534	May 14	S. B. Soulé	1.62	757
Jan. 27 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman	2.94	618	Aug. 24	.....do.....	1.39	604

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Made through partial ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Red Cedar River near Colfax, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1	670	510	790	535	775	1,080	1,010	730	610	730	790	560
2	670	470	670				1,560	790	610	670	850	560
3	670	470	730				1,980	850	610	730	1,460	560
4	730	730	730				2,640	790	610	670	1,870	560
5	670	610	670				2,880	730	610	610	1,760	560
6	730	610	610				3,000	760	730	610	1,190	510
7	730	610	610				3,120	850	930	670	930	510
8	730	560	670				2,640	790	1,370	610	1,010	560
9	610	435	730				2,200	730	1,280	610	930	560
10	730	470	730				2,090	610	850	610	730	510
11	930	435	670	460	1,190	1,550	2,200	670	1,190	1,190	670	510
12	730	510	670				1,980	730	850	1,280	670	510
13	790	560					1,370	790	930	790	670	510
14	790	510					1,370	730	790	730	610	670
15	730	670					1,280	670	730	1,280	610	670
16	670	435	595			1,010	1,190	1,100	730	1,010	610	610
17	610	395					1,190	1,370	670	790	610	610
18	670	435					1,100	1,760	930	730	610	560
19	610	385					1,100	1,370	1,760	670	610	510
20	670	610					870	930	1,980	730	560	510
21	610	730				730	850	1,980	1,560	670	610	510
22	610	670					670	790	1,760	670	560	510
23	670	510					730	850	2,090	1,460	560	510
24	610	510					670	790	1,660	1,100	670	510
25	670	610					2,200	790	1,190	790	610	560
26	560	610	525	595	1,440	1,760	730	1,460	730	610	560	560
27	560	610					1,370	930	610	730	610	510
28	610	730					1,010	850	850	790	610	560
29	470	610					850	790	850	930	610	510
30	560	670					790	790	730	790	560	510
31	510					930		610		560	610	

NOTE.—Discharge computed as follows: Oct. 1 to Dec. 12, and Mar. 19 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve very well defined above 560 second-feet. Discharge Mar. 20 interpolated. Discharge Dec. 13 to Mar. 18 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Red Cedar River near Colfax, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,100 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October	930	470	664	0.604	0.70	A.
November	730	385	556	.505	.56	A.
December	790		607	.552	.64	B.
January			532	.484	.56	C.
February			1,110	1.01	1.05	C.
March	2,200		1,190	1.08	1.24	C.
April	3,120	730	1,500	1.36	1.52	A.
May	2,090	610	1,030	.936	1.08	A.
June	1,980	610	974	.885	.99	A.
July	1,280	560	726	.660	.76	B.
August	1,870	560	781	.710	.82	B.
September	670	510	546	.496	.55	B.
The year	3,120	385	849	.772	10.47	

## RED CEDAR RIVER AT CEDAR FALLS, WIS.

LOCATION.—In sec. 6, T. 28 N., R. 12 W., Dunn County, at highway bridge in the vicinity of Cedar Falls,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles above crossing of Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railway.

DRAINAGE AREA.—Not measured.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—April 1, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Staff fastened to bridge pier; read twice daily, morning and evening, to tenths by Albert Malhus.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—No discharge measurements have been made at this station, which is maintained to determine fluctuation in stage.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Channel rough and rocky, straight, and free from vegetation; banks high and do not overflow.

EXTREMES OF STAGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 5.2 feet April 7; minimum stage, 1.0 foot August 22, 29, and September 5.

1909-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 5.8 feet April 4, 1913; minimum stage recorded, 0.6 foot December 15, 1912. Minimum stages are caused by operation of gates in dam above station.

WINTER FLOW.—Winters are severe in this locality, but discharge relation is apparently not greatly affected by ice, probably because of the rapids a short distance below the station, which ordinarily do not entirely freeze over.

REGULATION.—The operation of storage reservoirs in the headwaters of the river (see "Regulation" in station description for Red Cedar River at Colfax, Wis.), together with storage at the power plant above the gaging station, modifies the flow.

COOPERATION.—Gage-height record furnished by Wisconsin & Minnesota Light & Power Co.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Red Cedar River at Cedar Falls, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.4	2.7
2.....	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.4	1.6	2.8	3.0	3.0	2.7
3.....	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.8	3.0	3.9	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.5	2.6
4.....	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	4.2	2.9	2.8	2.6	4.0	2.6
5.....	2.9	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	4.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	4.2	1.0
6.....	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.9	5.0	2.8	2.7	3.0	4.1	1.4
7.....	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.4	2.4	5.2	2.9	3.2	3.0	4.0	2.7
8.....	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.7	2.8	2.9	5.0	3.0	3.6	2.9	2.6	2.0
9.....	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	4.7	1.8	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.6
10.....	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.8	2.9	4.5	3.0	3.5	2.9	3.0	2.5
11.....	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.9	4.3	3.0	3.4	2.2	3.0	2.5
12.....	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.9	4.2	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.0	2.0
13.....	3.2	2.7	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.8	4.2	2.9	3.1	3.5	2.9	2.6
14.....	3.0	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.6	4.0	2.8	3.2	3.5	2.9	2.6
15.....	3.0	2.0	2.6	2.7	2.9	2.8	3.7	2.8	3.0	3.5	2.4	2.5
16.....	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.9	2.8	3.6	1.8	3.0	3.7	2.6	2.5
17.....	2.9	2.6	2.6	2.4	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.6	2.6
18.....	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.4	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.5
19.....	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.5	2.7	2.2
20.....	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.7	3.3	2.6	2.6
21.....	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.6	3.0	3.7	4.2	3.0	2.6	2.6
22.....	2.7	1.2	2.6	2.8	3.4	2.9	2.9	3.7	4.0	2.8	1.0	2.6
23.....	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.6
24.....	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.4	3.6	3.7	2.9	4.6	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.6
25.....	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.8	3.5	4.2	1.6	3.9	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.6
26.....	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.8	3.4	4.2	2.9	3.9	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.0
27.....	2.7	2.8	2.2	2.8	3.3	4.0	2.9	3.7	2.3	2.8	2.6	2.6
28.....	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.6	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6
29.....	2.8	2.0	2.7	2.8	-----	3.5	2.9	3.6	3.0	2.7	1.0	2.6
30.....	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8	-----	3.3	2.9	2.7	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.6
31.....	2.8	-----	2.4	2.4	-----	3.5	-----	2.7	-----	2.6	2.7	-----

NOTE.—Low stage of 1.0 foot on Sunday, Aug. 22 and Sept. 5, caused by closing down of power plant; no water passing over spillway.

## RED CEDAR RIVER AT MENOMONIE, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—Sec. 27, T. 28 N., R. 13 W., Dunn County, about 900 feet below the power house of the Wisconsin & Minnesota Light & Power Co., Menomonie, about 13 miles above the confluence of Red Cedar and Chippewa rivers. Wilson Creek discharges from the right into the service reservoir just above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,810 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 16, 1907, to September 5, 1908; May 9, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Barrett & Lawrence water-stage recorder installed May 9, 1913, over a wooden intake and well on the right bank of the river about 1 mile above the site of old gage attached to a highway bridge about 200 rods west of the Chicago & North Western Railway station west of Menomonie, which was read from June 16, 1907, to September 5, 1908. No relation between datums of the two gages.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the highway bridge about 1 mile below the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed at gage composed of heavy gravel; left bank high and will not overflow; right bank of medium height and will overflow at flood stages; channel at measuring section sandy and liable to shift; both banks high at measuring section and will not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 5.13 feet from 7 to 10 p. m. April 7 (discharge, 6,140 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.75 feet December 13 (discharge approximately 160 second-feet).

1907-8 and 1913-1915: Maximum discharge, 6,700 second-feet June 6, 1914; minimum discharge, 100 second-feet November 8, 1907.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation not affected by ice, as the control is kept open by the flow of relatively warm water from the service reservoir immediately above the gage.

**REGULATION.**—Considerable diurnal fluctuation in stage at the gage section is caused by the operation of the power plants of the Wisconsin & Minnesota Light & Power Co. at Menomonie and Cedar Falls, and minor changes are also caused by smaller plants on the tributaries of the Red Cedar above Menomonie. (See "Regulation" in station description for Red Cedar River at Colfax, Wis.)

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; mean stage accurately determined from recording gage; records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Red Cedar River at Menomonie, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by W. G. Hoyt.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
July 12.....	2.87	1,490
12.....	2.88	1,520

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Red Cedar River at Menomonie, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,250	519	1,080	830	734	1,610	1,700	1,150	1,330	1,540	890	1,060
2.....	1,180	854	1,030	929	955	1,610	2,520	1,250	1,290	1,430	1,490	1,070
3.....	1,160	916	1,100	830	955	1,370	2,880	1,230	1,180	1,160	2,160	1,060
4.....	686	878	1,060	806	955	1,360	4,180	1,320	1,160	968	2,330	1,050
5.....	1,370	890	1,120	1,010	1,080	1,390	4,860	1,370	890	698	3,220	806
6.....	1,150	890	794	1,080	1,080	1,350	5,600	1,320	758	1,480	3,320	674
7.....	1,220	794	1,060	942	1,050	1,100	5,600	1,260	1,100	1,520	2,520	734
8.....	1,180	614	1,070	981	1,020	1,490	5,340	1,250	2,060	1,290	1,880	806
9.....	1,260	942	1,060	955	929	1,390	4,520	1,370	1,730	1,260	2,110	890
10.....	1,330	1,050	1,080	770	854	1,400	3,960	1,370	2,130	1,220	1,610	890
11.....	890	866	916	746	968	1,300	3,360	1,320	1,610	686	1,390	866
12.....	1,580	878	722	942	942	1,150	3,460	1,250	1,860	1,290	1,180	854
13.....	1,680	866	398	968	968	1,180	2,790	1,120	1,400	2,330	1,150	758
14.....	1,420	782	590	929	942	1,060	2,470	1,370	1,440	1,780	1,120	981
15.....	1,220	578	686	866	1,110	1,440	2,520	1,290	1,370	2,060	746	1,010
16.....	1,400	830	770	929	1,290	1,430	2,160	981	1,280	2,420	994	916
17.....	1,010	903	698	878	1,230	1,360	2,080	1,290	1,140	2,290	1,230	1,150
18.....	1,030	916	830	710	1,370	1,540	1,640	2,190	1,290	1,800	1,080	1,080
19.....	981	782	818	942	1,500	1,760	1,910	2,330	1,550	1,640	782	818
20.....	1,260	968	554	929	1,490	1,840	1,800	2,370	2,350	1,400	1,020	981
21.....	1,110	942	770	1,020	1,620	1,790	1,490	2,290	2,980	1,360	854	916
22.....	1,030	566	878	890	2,050	1,670	1,460	3,160	2,450	1,250	614	916
23.....	1,030	722	854	806	2,630	1,550	1,250	2,700	2,090	1,150	994	968
24.....	1,030	890	842	770	2,300	1,740	1,350	3,360	1,910	1,110	1,430	968
25.....	806	818	626	842	2,000	3,070	1,080	2,700	1,540	1,020	1,070	929
26.....	1,100	614	674	1,070	2,110	3,740	1,370	2,240	1,400	1,070	662	903
27.....	1,150	686	626	1,020	1,850	3,260	1,540	2,000	854	1,260	710	770
28.....	1,070	806	818	1,100	1,440	2,660	1,400	2,160	994	1,260	794	994
29.....	916	542	968	966	.....	2,140	1,500	1,520	1,520	1,060	530	1,030
30.....	1,010	968	981	832	.....	1,840	1,400	1,150	1,550	929	955	830
31.....	854	.....	903	698	.....	1,730	.....	1,190	.....	890	1,030	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve well defined above 530 second-feet. The record of the water-stage recorder for Nov. 13–19 was lost and water-stage recorder was not working properly Feb. 5–11, Sept. 28–30; discharge for these periods determined from the gage reading at noon corrected by the relation that existed between the noon gage height and the mean daily gage height determined for the period when gage was working satisfactorily.

*Monthly discharge of Red Cedar River at Menomonie, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,810 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	1,680	686	1,140	0.630	0.73	A.
November.....	1,050	519	809	.447	.50	A.
December.....	1,120	398	851	.470	.54	B.
January.....	1,100	698	903	.499	.58	B.
February.....	2,630	734	1,340	.740	.77	B.
March.....	3,740	1,060	1,720	.950	1.10	B.
April.....	5,600	1,080	2,640	1.46	1.63	A.
May.....	3,360	981	1,700	.939	1.08	A.
June.....	2,980	758	1,540	.851	.95	A.
July.....	2,420	686	1,370	.757	.87	A.
August.....	3,320	530	1,350	.746	.86	A.
September.....	1,150	674	922	.509	.57	A.
The year.....	5,600	398	1,360	.751	10.18	

## ZUMBRO RIVER AT ZUMBRO FALLS, MINN.

LOCATION.—At highway bridge at Zumbro Falls, about 1,500 feet below mouth of Spring Creek,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles below mouth of South Branch.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,120 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—June 8, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain attached to the upstream handrail of bridge near left end; read twice daily, to hundredths, by A. H. Sugg.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—At high and medium stages made from bridge; at low stages made by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of stream is fine sand; shifts considerably; a slight riffle a few hundred feet below gage acts as a rather indefinite control during low stages; right bank is fairly low and overflows during high flood stages; the left bank does not overflow.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 16.4 feet at 6 p. m. March 25 (discharge, 8,570 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 4.68 feet at 8 a. m. January 18 and 22 (discharge, 148 second-feet). A flow of 106 second-feet, which is probably not far from the minimum flow for the year, was measured by current meter January 27.

1909-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 16.65 feet at 5.30 p. m. October 11, 1911 (discharge, 9,200 second-feet); high water of June, 1908, which reached a stage of 26.7 feet above datum of present gage, is marked by a spike in a telephone post near the railroad station at Zumbro Falls; high water of April, 1888, reached a stage of approximately 29.7 feet, as shown by a mark not so well defined as that of the flood of 1908; minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 4.50 feet at 8 a. m. January 10 and 21, 1914 (discharge, approximately 128 second-feet; 106 second-feet was measured by current meter January 27, 1915).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation not seriously affected by ice, except during and following extremely cold weather, when ice forms below the gage and causes backwater for short periods. A short distance above the gage the river receives about 8 second-feet of spring water from Spring Creek, which is warm enough to keep it free from ice for a considerable distance during most winter weather. Mean flow for periods in which open-water rating curve is not applicable, estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

REGULATION.—The slight artificial regulation at the power plants above Zumbro Falls is not observable at the gage.

ACCURACY.—Results considered good; gage heights are reliable and represent the true mean stage for the day; rating curve is well defined; except for an occasional shift in control, results would be excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Zumbro River at Zumbro Falls, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by S. B. Soulé.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 24 <sup>a</sup> .....	4.87	128	May 27.....	6.86	864	Aug. 21.....	5.67	385
Jan. 27 <sup>b</sup> .....	4.80	106	Aug. 5.....	9.66	2,460			

<sup>a</sup> Control partly ice covered; measurement made from bridge.

<sup>b</sup> Measurement made through complete ice cover 3,000 feet above gage; control partly ice covered.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Zumbro River at Zumbro Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	185	185	191	120		520	920	282	1,220	620	1,220	322
2.....	179	179	181			500	920	282	920	520	2,100	322
3.....	179	185	177			449	870	282	540	483	3,020	322
4.....	169	185	187			398	1,430	308	620	466	3,260	308
5.....	169	185	187		169	382	1,430	336	700	432	2,290	295
6.....	185	187	181	140	145	336	1,270	366	1,550	432	1,610	295
7.....	187	187	181			336	1,020	366	1,730	640	1,270	308
8.....	189	185	185			308	870	366	1,320	2,780	1,070	336
9.....	187	185	185			322	780	336	970	1,430	870	351
10.....	210	179	169		150	483	700	322	920	1,270	780	466
11.....	233	177	169	165		740	700	308	1,790	970	700	500
12.....	245	187	167		167	1,120	620	295	1,550	870	660	466
13.....	257	179			187	1,220	580	282	1,790	740	620	540
14.....	270	177			169	540	540	270	1,320	640	640	820
15.....	270	177			167	398	1,320	500	282	920	580	820
16.....	257	165		140	162	322	1,320	466	308	780	520	660
17.....	233				151	308	2,030	449	282	700	520	540
18.....	233				149	366	3,020	432	282	1,370	920	466
19.....	210				160	382	2,860	398	257	3,660	2,290	432
20.....	210	170			162	500	1,910	382	282	2,100	1,670	432
21.....	210		140	151	870	1,320	366	366	1,370	1,120	398	415
22.....	210			149	3,020	1,220	336	740	1,070	920	382	398
23.....	206	153		151	3,180	1,020	336	820	820	740	398	382
24.....	198	179			1,730	3,340	322	620	820	660	398	351
25.....	173	187			1,070	7,570	322	660	820	660	366	336
26.....	187	181	110		780	3,260	308	920	820	640	366	351
27.....	189	171			660	1,970	308	820	740	700	336	336
28.....	187	185			580	1,910	308	680	700	1,120	336	336
29.....	187	173				1,550	295	1,220	660	920	336	336
30.....	189	185				1,220	282	2,570	660	740	351	322
31.....	185					1,070		1,790		920	336	-----

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 169 and 2,710 second-feet. Discharge, Nov. 17–22, Dec. 13 to Jan. 12, Jan. 24 to Feb. 4 and Feb. 7–11, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for periods included.

*Monthly discharge of Zumbro River at Zumbro Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,120 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	270	169	206	0.184	0.21	B.
November.....		153	178	.150	.18	B.
December.....	191		155	.138	.16	C.
January.....			139	.124	.14	C.
February.....	3,180		598	.529	.55	C.
March.....	7,570	308	1,500	1.34	1.54	A.
April.....	1,430	282	615	.549	.61	A.
May.....	2,570	257	558	.498	.57	B.
June.....	3,660	540	1,160	1.04	1.16	A.
July.....	2,780	432	901	.804	.93	A.
August.....	3,260	336	874	.780	.90	B.
September.....	820	295	419	.374	.42	B.
The year.....	7,570	-----	609	.544	7.37	

## SOUTH BRANCH OF ZUMBRO RIVER NEAR ZUMBRO FALLS, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 22, T. 109 N., R. 14 W., at the Woodville Bridge,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the mouth of the river, 6 miles below mouth of Middle Branch, and 6 miles southwest of Zumbro Falls, Wabasha County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—821 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 16, 1911, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to the downstream hand rail of bridge near center of river, read by W. M. Whipple.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At high and medium stages made from the downstream side of the bridge; at low stages made by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream is for the most part sand and gravel; control consists of cobble stones and rock at a well-defined riffle, a short distance below the gage, and is fairly permanent. Near the control, to the right of the channel, a small secondary channel branches off. The scouring out of this channel during the year made change in rating curve necessary.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 11.8 feet at 3.30 p. m., March 25 (discharge, 8,360 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.99 feet November 12; discharge, 135 second-feet.

1911-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 11.8 feet at 3.30 p. m. March 25, 1915 (discharge, 8,360 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.80 feet December 26, 1914 (discharge, 62 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Effect of operation of small power plants above the station not noticeable at gage.

**ACCURACY.**—On account of the slight shifting of control records can not be considered better than fair.

*Discharge measurements of South Branch of Zumbro River near Zumbro Falls, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 23 <sup>a</sup>	S. B. Soulé .....	2.06	92	Aug. 4	S. B. Soulé .....	6.24	2,840
Jan. 26 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.10	91	20	H. T. Crichlow.....	2.42	295
May 26	.....do.....	3.40	837				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover; control partly ice covered.



*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of South Branch of Zumbro River near Zumbro Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	128	122				410	778	188	1,100	385	1,350	214
2.....	128	122				362	696	188	723	326	1,350	236
3.....	128	122				318	696	196	564	322	1,770	232
4.....	128	122				274	980	240	485	322	2,630	232
5.....	128	122				256	1,220	274	460	313	1,840	232
6.....	155	122				211	1,040	286	485	295	1,280	227
7.....	162	115				192	805	286	1,420	980	805	227
8.....	148	115				188	643	278	832	1,560	778	219
9.....	148	115				196	537	244	590	1,700	696	227
10.....	183	115				750	537	227	643	778	564	256
11.....	183	115				805	511	227	1,100	670	485	385
12.....	198	112			430	920	460	211	1,160	590	485	336
13.....	194	115				750	435	211	832	485	460	340
14.....	194	115				920	385	196	860	435	435	696
15.....	202	115				537	340	203	590	362	410	696
16.....	202		100	90		274	331	203	485	362	362	643
17.....	194					1,420	318	196	410	340	362	410
18.....	190					2,470	295	192	1,100	564	340	318
19.....	180					2,310	278	188	3,760	1,770	313	313
20.....	162					1,220	265	196	2,070	1,490	300	300
21.....	148					920	248	236	1,220	778	282	269
22.....	145					860	236	410	778	643	209	252
23.....	145	110				750	236	211	564	564	209	248
24.....	141				2,150	3,170	227	778	537	485	252	227
25.....	135				980	7,460	219	980	643	460	248	244
26.....	132					2,990	207	750	805	410	248	248
27.....	122					1,840	211	723	537	410	244	214
28.....	122					485	1,840	219	590	511	670	236
29.....	122						1,560	211	1,350	485	778	210
30.....	115						1,100	200	1,990	485	564	232
31.....	122						920		1,700	805	236	219

NOTE.—Discharge Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 determined from a well-defined rating curve; Feb. 24 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 120 and 3,600 second-feet. Discharge, Nov. 16 to Feb. 23, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of South Branch of Zumbro River near Zumbro Falls, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 821 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	202	115	154	0.188	0.22	B.
November.....	122		114	.139	.16	C.
December.....			100	.122	.14	C.
January.....			90	.110	.13	C.
February.....			524	.638	.66	D.
March.....	7,460	188	1,230	1.50	1.73	B.
April.....	1,220	200	459	.559	.62	B.
May.....	1,990	188	456	.555	.64	B.
June.....	3,760	410	873	1.06	1.18	B.
July.....	1,770	295	665	.810	.93	B.
August.....	2,630	232	638	.777	.90	B.
September.....	696	219	306	.373	.42	B.
The year.....	7,460		467	.569	7.73	

#### TREMPEALEAU RIVER AT DODGE, WIS.

LOCATION.—In sec. 11, T. 19 N., R. 10 W., Trempealeau County, at highway bridge in the village of Dodge, 9 miles above mouth of river.

DRAINAGE AREA.—633 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—December 13, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to downstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to half-tenths, by J. Johnson.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge or at low stages by wading.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Sand; likely to shift; both banks of medium height and may overflow during extreme floods.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage during year, 6.52 feet at 6 p. m. March 26 (discharge, 1,660 second-feet); minimum discharge, 163 second-feet, recorded by measurement January 29.

1914-15: Maximum stage recorded, 8.35 feet June 9, 1914 (discharge, 3,340 second-feet); minimum discharge, 163 second-feet, recorded by measurement January 29, 1915.

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

REGULATION.—No power plant above station has sufficient storage to affect the natural flow of the river.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve fairly well defined; no diurnal fluctuation; records good.

*Discharge measurements of Trempealeau River at Dodge, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 12	H. C. Beckman.....	1.83	259	Apr. 2	M. F. Rather.....	3.09	613
Jan. 9 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.67	246	May 28	S. B. Soulé.....	2.85	539
20 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.32	163	Aug. 7	.....do.....	2.80	553
Mar. 12 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	3.80	442				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Made through partial ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Trempealeau River at Dodge, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	260	260	265	235	240	410	564	308	408	358	383	236
2.....	248	260					564	308	358	308	642	236
3.....	236	272					616	333	333	260	851	224
4.....	236	260					669	383	308	272	929	224
5.....	224	260					721	383	296	272	825	224
6.....	236	260	230	240	495	785	747	358	358	284	642	191
7.....	260	272					734	383	511	358	485	213
8.....	284	260					721	383	537	590	642	236
9.....	308	260					616	358	383	590	485	260
10.....	296	260					616	333	433	459	408	383
11.....	333	272	230	240	495	785	590	333	616	669	358	333
12.....	358	272					564	459	616	616	333	358
13.....	485	272					511	358	485	408	383	408
14.....	564	260					485	308	408	358	511	669
15.....	459	260					459	308	358	308	408	669
16.....	408	260	245	220	105	1,080	433	308	333	308	333	564
17.....	358	248					433	408	333	284	308	459
18.....	333						433	433	383	590	296	383
19.....	308						408	459	511	485	284	333
20.....	308						383	564	511	383	272	459
21.....	308		245	220	105	1,080	358	877	485	308	272	511
22.....	284						877	308	1,010	459	284	459
23.....	284						903	308	1,060	459	260	383
24.....	284						1,040	308	1,060	358	260	272
25.....	284						1,240	308	582	333	260	331
26.....	284		245	220	105	1,080	1,520	308	799	260	236	331
27.....	284						1,560	333	642	260	272	331
28.....	260						1,090	333	511	333	358	331
29.....	272						851	358	459	408	333	308
30.....	260						642	308	433	459	333	224
31.....	272						590		408		358	236

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve fairly well defined above 266 second-feet. Discharge Apr. 2 interpolated on account of probable error in gage reading. Nov. 18 to Mar. 21 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharges for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Trempealeau River at Dodge, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 633 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	564	224	309	0.488	0.56	B.
November.....			255	.403	.45	C.
December.....			238	.376	.43	C.
January.....			222	.351	.40	C.
February.....			571	.902	.94	D.
March.....	1,560		743	1.17	1.35	D.
April.....	747	308	484	.765	.85	A.
May.....	1,060	308	507	.801	.92	A.
June.....	616	260	410	.648	.72	B.
July.....	669	236	368	.581	.67	B.
August.....	929	224	405	.640	.74	B.
September.....	669	191	357	.564	.63	B.
The year.....	1,560		405	.640	8.66	

#### BLACK RIVER AT NEILLSVILLE, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 15, T. 24 N., R. 2 W., at lower highway bridge in city of Neillsville, Clark County. O'Neal Creek enters from the left about a mile above the gage, and Cunningham Creek, also from the left, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles below.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—774 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—April 7, 1905, to March 31, 1909; December 11, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to downstream side of highway bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by A. Bissell.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge, or by wading in vicinity of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel and rock; control at head of rapids a few hundred feet below gage; banks high and rocky; water will not overflow the banks at the gage section.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 9.62 feet at 6 a. m. April 8 (discharge, 5,990 second-feet); minimum stage recorded by measurement made January 30 (discharge, 28 second-feet); owing to diurnal fluctuations at such low stages it is likely that the absolute minimum was less than 28 second-feet.

1905-1909 and 1913-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 19.8 feet June 6, 1905 (discharge approximately, 29,400 second-feet).<sup>1</sup> It is probable that the maximum discharge which occurred October 6, 1911, exceeded 29,000 second-feet, although data are not available regarding the stage at the gage section during this flood; minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 2.4 feet October 9, 1905 (discharge approximately 20 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Several dams on Back River and tributaries upstream from Neillsville are used to create a head for developing power. The operation of these plants causes a diurnal fluctuation at the gage, especially during the winter when the flow is at a minimum.

**ACCURACY.**—Control is permanent; rating curve well defined over the range in stage covered by gage heights; medium and high-stage records excellent; low-stage records, especially during the winter only fair, owing to diurnal fluctuations.

<sup>1</sup> Previously determined as 23,000 second-feet from a curve, the highest measurement of which was made at a stage of only 7.7 feet.

*Discharge measurements of Black River at Neillsville, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Dec. 30 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	<i>Feet.</i> 3.00	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 41	Mar. 3 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	<i>Feet.</i> 4.56	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 181
Jan. 30 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	3.40	28	Apr. 1 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	4.69	511

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Open water at gage; ice jam below.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Black River at Neillsville, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1.....	184	118	127	72	33	135	585	468	245	245	181	85	
2.....	156	112	114					380	200	164	210	91	
3.....	132	118	300					468	167	116	468	67	
4.....	119	112	280					1,360	820	121	100	1,360	72
5.....	105	110	238					2,760	945	123	89	2,360	56
6.....	105	110	204	75	100	195	4,160	820	1,150	85	2,070	51	
7.....	121	105	114				4,700	1,220	3,680	110	1,570	57	
8.....	280	102	98				5,480	1,890	3,160	102	1,220	71	
9.....	618	121					4,420	1,800	2,070	71	880	60	
10.....	540	102					4,030	1,430	1,570	61	590	49	
11.....	700	94	110	75	100	195	3,910	1,010	2,660	66	422	43	
12.....	820	92					3,680	700	2,160	58	245	43	
13.....	1,720	98					2,960	565	1,570	55	217	65	
14.....	1,890	100					2,160	490	1,150	52	217	129	
15.....	1,500	119					1,800	490	820	92	340	320	
16.....	1,010	161	31	36	380	1,030	1,800	820	672	760	245	645	
17.....	760						1,500	820	468	880	214	590	
18.....	565						1,290	2,160	618	540	445	238	
19.....	445						1,150	1,800	1,430	380	360	320	
20.....	360						1,010	1,640	1,890	300	231	242	
21.....	300	100	36	36	380	1,030	945	4,160	1,890	242	156	178	
22.....	262						820	5,640	1,500	156	112	148	
23.....	231						700	4,030	1,010	127	95	123	
24.....	217						700	2,760	645	127	81	116	
25.....	191	112					700	1,890	445	178	73	84	
26.....	200	119	36	36	380	1,030	645	1,290	320	153	60	95	
27.....	178	123					590	945	242	145	52	95	
28.....	158	116					645	760	445	300	54	106	
29.....	143	110					700	565	360	280	71	110	
30.....	127	119					618	422	320	207	48	110	
31.....	127	-----					320	-----	245	50	-----		

NOTE.—Discharge except as noted below, determined from a rating curve fairly well defined below and well defined above 14,300 second-feet. Discharge Nov. 17-24, and Dec. 9 to Apr. 3, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Black River at Neillsville, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 774 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	1,890	105	460	0.594	0.68	A.
November.....	161		109	.141	.16	C.
December.....	300		89.4	.116	.13	D.
January.....			60.2	.078	.09	C.
February.....			156	.202	.21	C.
March.....			472	.610	.70	D.
April.....	5,480		1,900	2.45	2.73	A.
May.....	5,640	320	1,400	1.81	2.09	A.
June.....	3,680	121	1,100	1.42	1.58	A.
July.....	880	52	209	.270	.31	B.
August.....	2,360	48	474	.612	.71	B.
September.....	645	43	149	.193	.22	B.
The year.....	5,640		549	.709	9.61	

#### LA CROSSE RIVER NEAR WEST SALEM, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 22, T. 17 N., R. 6 W., La Crosse County, at highway bridge 2 miles west of West Salem, and 10 miles above the mouth of the river. Dutch Creek enters from the right 6 miles above station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—412 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 22, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to concrete guard rail on the upstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Henry Schucht.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of bridge at medium and high stages; at low stages made by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel and rock; right bank high and will not overflow; left bank above the gage low, and overflows at flood stages. Channel free from vegetation; control for low stages a rocky riffle with a fall of about 6 inches. Control is apparently drowned out at a stage of about 2.2 feet on the gage as shown by a reversal in the rating curve.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—1913-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 7.3 feet at 7 a. m. February 23, 1915 (discharge estimated, because of backwater from ice at approximately 1,800 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.05 feet at 7 a. m. November 17, 1914 (discharge approximately 130 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Diurnal fluctuation, at the gage amounting at low stages to from 0.10 to 0.40 foot, is caused by the operation of power plants, especially the Neshonock dam a few miles above the station.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; control permanent; records for medium and high water stage believed excellent; accuracy of low-water records impaired by diurnal fluctuation.

*Discharge measurements of La Crosse River near West Salem, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 13	H. C. Beckman.....	1.28	175	Feb. 16 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	3.15	423
Jan. 11 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	1.59	183	Mar. 16	.....do.....	2.03	487

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> River open at gage; control partly ice covered.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of La Crosse River near West Salem, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1.....	239	222	239	180	200	1,420	326	222	239	281	348	239	
2.....	260	222	239				326	222	239	260	551	239	
3.....	204	222	239				326	239	239	222	638	239	
4.....	222	239	222				326	281	222	204	779	239	
5.....	204	192	204				394	281	222	222	715	222	
6.....	239	239	222	190	455	595	461	281	222	239	595	239	
7.....	304	204	204				506	326	222	239	461	239	
8.....	326	192	204				461	326	222	348	371	239	
9.....	304	222	239				416	326	222	348	348	239	
10.....	260	180	204				371	281	239	304	326	326	
11.....	304	222	160	195	1,000	595	371	281	260	239	304	416	
12.....	304	222					394	239	260	260	281	506	
13.....	348	222					371	239	239	239	281	595	
14.....	394	204					348	222	239	239	281	715	
15.....	326	204					326	222	239	239	260	862	
16.....	326	204	155	170	1,000	595	438	326	222	239	239	779	
17.....	304	170					551	304	239	239	204	638	
18.....	281	195					595	304	260	281	222	281	595
19.....	281						551	281	260	326	281	281	506
20.....	222						461	281	281	304	281	506	
21.....	239	195	170	1,000	595	371	260	371	281	281	260	506	
22.....	239					348	239	461	260	260	222	506	
23.....	239					438	260	416	260	239	260	438	
24.....	239					638	239	348	260	239	239	371	
25.....	204					715	192	371	239	204	239	348	
26.....	239	222	155	170	1,000	595	192	371	222	239	239	348	
27.....	239	239					551	239	326	204	348	239	
28.....	239	180					416	239	304	239	461	239	
29.....	239	180					394	239	281	281	595	204	
30.....	204	192					326	239	260	394	436	239	
31.....	239	.....	.....	.....	.....	326	.....	239	.....	326	239	.....	

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a well-defined rating curve. Flow Nov. 18-25 and Dec. 11 to Mar. 15 estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braiced figures show mean flow for period included.

*Monthly discharge of La Crosse River near West Salem, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

(Drainage area, 412 square miles.)

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	394	204	265	0.643	0.74	B.
November.....	239	170	205	.498	.56	B.
December.....	.....	.....	173	.452	.50	C.
January.....	.....	.....	181	.439	.51	C.
February.....	.....	.....	520	1.26	1.31	D.
March.....	715	326	452	1.10	1.27	C.
April.....	506	192	319	.774	.86	A.
May.....	461	222	290	.704	.81	B.
June.....	394	204	252	.612	.68	B.
July.....	595	204	282	.684	.79	B.
August.....	779	204	343	.833	.96	A.
September.....	862	222	419	1.02	1.14	A.
The year.....	862	.....	307	.745	10.13	.....

## ROOT RIVER AT HOUSTON, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 34, T. 104 N., R. 6 W., at highway bridge 1 mile east of Houston, Houston County, 1 mile above the mouth of South Root River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,560 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 28, 1909, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff bolted to the downstream side of the stone abutment, right end of bridge, read twice daily by Olaf Larson. Prior to June 28, 1913, gage was attached to piling just above the right abutment. The datum of the present gage was changed slightly on the date of installation to allow for the slight slope in the river between the two points.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—No well-defined control. The bed of the stream is silt and fine sand, shifting out during floods and gradually filling in afterwards. Both banks overflow at a stage of about 8.5 feet, the overflow at the gage section attaining at times a width of about 5,000 feet. Floods on the south Root, which enters the main Root about a mile below the station, are such, at times, as to produce considerable backwater at the gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 9.35 feet at 7.30 a. m. March 26 (discharge, 7,330 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 1.39 feet at 6.30 a. m. November 17 (discharge, 327 second-feet). A flow of 232 second-feet, which was probably not far from the minimum for the year, was measured by current meter January 29.

1909–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 10.8 feet late at night August 14, 1911 (discharge determined from rating curve based on highwater measurement made in 1915, 15,200 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods: 0.80 foot July 17, 1911 (discharge 267 second-feet). A flow of 231 second-feet was measured by current meter on January 23, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and climatic records.

**REGULATION.**—Nearest dam above station is at Rushford. As the flow is ample at all times for the power generated at that point, it is not held back during certain parts of the day, and the dam has no influence on the flow at Houston.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered fair. Gage readings are reliable; high-water portion of curve well defined. Low-water estimates may be affected by slight shifts in channel. Estimates of discharge for flood stages above 8.9 feet in 1911, as published in Water-Supply Paper 305, are too low on account of an erroneous extension of the rating curve above 8.9 feet. The high-water part of the rating curve, based on discharge measurements made June 28 and 29, 1914, at gage heights 9.80 and 6.98 feet, give the same discharge as the curve used for 1911 at about gage height 8.9 feet; at gage height 10.0 feet the new curve gives a discharge about 44 per cent larger than that given by the rating curve for 1911.

*Discharge measurements of Root River at Houston, Minn., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 22 <sup>a</sup>	S. B. Soulé.....	2.04	252	May 29	S. B. Soulé.....	2.95	889
Jan. 29 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.25	232	Aug. 6	.....do.....	5.34	2,110

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Root River at Houston, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	352	352	379				1,640	567	1,640	757	1,480	602
2.....	352	352	352				1,530	533	1,270	716	2,560	567
3.....	352	352	352				1,530	567	1,070	638	3,000	567
4.....	352	352	352				1,860	567	933	638	3,830	567
5.....	352	352	352				2,920	638	888	602	3,160	567
6.....	379	352	340			935	2,840	676	843	567	2,230	567
7.....	379	352	352				2,360	716	716	638	1,800	533
8.....	379	352	352				1,800	716	799	1,750	1,580	567
9.....	379	352	352				1,530	676	757	2,230	1,420	567
10.....	379	352	352				1,370	638	757	1,980	1,270	567
11.....	407	352	340			676	1,320	602	757	1,320	1,170	602
12.....	434	352	352			716	1,220	567	716	1,120	1,070	757
13.....	468	352	340			888	1,120	567	799	978	1,020	1,370
14.....	468	352				1,420	1,020	533	716	888	978	1,320
15.....	468	379				1,320	978	500	676	843	1,020	1,070
16.....	468	352		235	990	1,220	933	500	638	799	978	888
17.....	468	327				1,580	888	533	602	799	933	757
18.....	468	340				2,700	799	500	638	888	978	716
19.....	434					2,360	757	500	978	2,760	933	676
20.....	434					1,920	757	500	1,120	3,340	888	888
21.....	407					1,480	716	602	1,120	1,800	799	1,220
22.....	407					1,320	676	676	888	1,370	757	933
23.....	379	340	250			1,480	638	799	757	1,120	757	843
24.....	379					3,830	638	1,020	676	1,860	757	799
25.....	379					5,990	602	888	638	1,370	716	716
26.....	379					6,220	602	888	638	1,070	676	676
27.....	379	379				3,250	638	1,020	716	1,120	638	676
28.....	379	352				2,700	638	933	716	1,170	638	638
29.....	379	352				2,490	602	933	1,270	1,020	638	638
30.....	352	352				2,100	567	1,640	1,120	1,070	602	638
31.....	352					1,800		2,420		1,170	602	

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 900 and 10,600 second-feet and fairly well defined below 900 second-feet. Discharge Nov. 19–26, and Dec. 14 to Mar. 10, estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, discharge measurements, and climatic records; braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Root River at Houston, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,560 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	468	352	398	0.255	0.29	B.
November.....			349	.224	.25	B.
December.....	379		292	.187	.22	C.
January.....			235	.151	.17	C.
February.....			990	.635	.66	B.
March.....	6,220		1,830	1.17	1.35	B.
April.....	2,920	567	1,180	.756	.84	A.
May.....	2,420	500	755	.484	.56	B.
June.....	1,640	602	862	.553	.62	A.
July.....	3,340	567	1,240	.795	.92	A.
August.....	3,830	602	1,290	.827	.95	A.
September.....	1,370	533	750	.481	.54	B.
The year.....	6,220		847	.543	7.37	



## NORTH BRANCH OF ROOT RIVER NEAR LANESBORO, MINN.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 6, T. 103 N., R. 9 W., at first highway bridge, 1 mile above junction of North and South branches, 3 miles north of Lanesboro in Fillmore County, and about 5 miles below the mouth of a small creek that enters from the west.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—647 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 9, 1910, to September 30, 1914; and July 16 to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage on floor of bridge, downstream side, near right bank; read twice daily, to quarter-tenths, by Olaf Waage.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the downstream side of the bridge. At extreme flood stages measurements may be made from the railroad bridge just above the junction with the South Branch, and at low stages by wading just above the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream is sand and light gravel. A few hundred feet below the gage the channel is narrowed by a low island and there is a slight riffle which constitutes a control at low stages, and is practically permanent. As there is more than 10 feet fall between the station and the mouth of the South Branch, backwater from that stream is improbable. At a stage of 6 feet the river overflows into a former channel 1,000 feet back from the right bank. At extreme flood stages the right bank is overflowed to a width of a quarter of a mile.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 6.42 feet at 2.30 p. m. July 19 (discharge, 3,920 second-feet), minimum stage recorded, 2.2 feet at 9 a. m. September 4 to 9 (discharge, 194 second-feet).

1910-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 10.3 feet August 13, 1911 (discharge, 9,380 second-feet); minimum stage recorded 1.71 feet July 4, 1911 (discharge, 38 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Several miles above the station is a power plant working under a varying load for light and power, but inspection of the morning and evening gage heights indicates that the diurnal fluctuation at the gage is slight.

**ACCURACY.**—Results apparently fair; the rating curve is fairly well defined; channel fairly permanent.

The following discharge measurement was made by S. B. Soulé:

August 6, 1915: Gage height, 3.70 feet; discharge, 979 second-feet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of North Branch of Root River near Lanesboro, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		1,190	222	11.....		414	297	21.....	715	305	391
2.....		2,040	222	12.....		391	322	22.....	514	296	347
3.....		2,260	222	13.....		347	347	23.....	391	286	274
4.....		2,480	201	14.....		438	438	24.....	347	259	259
5.....		1,530	201	15.....		372	347	25.....	326	259	236
6.....		956	201	16.....	274	305	305	26.....	305	236	248
7.....		747	201	17.....	274	347	286	27.....	305	236	259
8.....		630	212	18.....		369	259	28.....	391	236	236
9.....		514	212	19.....	3,160	347	292	29.....	305	229	222
10.....		438	222	20.....	1,720	305	326	30.....	488	222	236
								31.....	347	222	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a well-defined rating curve. Discharge interpolated July 18, 25, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Sept. 5, 12, 19, and 26, as gage was not read.

*Monthly discharge of North Branch of Root River near Lanesboro, Minn., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 647 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
August.....	2,480	222	620	0.958	1.10	B.
September.....	438	201	268	.414	.46	B.

#### UPPER IOWA RIVER NEAR DECORAH, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At the highway bridge in the village of Freeport, Winneshick County, 3 miles below Decorah and about 4 miles above the upper power plant of the Upper Iowa Power Co.; nearest tributary, Trout Creek, enters from the right, about a mile above station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—560 square miles (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000; revised since last published).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—August 28, 1913, to November 21, 1914, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read twice daily by Chas. Savoy.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Sand and gravel; may shift during high water.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during maintenance of station, 11.6 feet at 4 p. m. May 24, 1914 (discharge roughly 6,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.15 feet September 14, 1913 (discharge, 38 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice.

**DIVERSIONS.**—None.

**REGULATION.**—The operation of a number of small gristmills above the station produce a slight fluctuation.

**ACCURACY.**—Results at low stage good; at high stage very approximate and should be used with caution.

No discharge measurements were made at this station during the year.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Upper Iowa River near Decorah, Iowa, for the period Aug. 27, 1913, to Nov. 21, 1914.*

Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.
1913.			1913.			1913.		
1.....		44	11.....		44	21.....		59
2.....		51	12.....		44	22.....		59
3.....		51	13.....		37	23.....		59
4.....		47	14.....		37	24.....		50
5.....		47	15.....		37	25.....		66
6.....		44	16.....		37	26.....		67
7.....		44	17.....		51	27.....	51	59
8.....		44	18.....		44	28.....	47	51
9.....		44	19.....		44	29.....	47	56
10.....		37	20.....		85	30.....	47	59
						31.....	44	

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Upper Iowa River near Decorah, Iowa, for the period Aug. 27, 1913, to Nov. 21, 1914—Continued.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1913-14.										
1.....	97	76	95	.....	153	346	278	670	127	166
2.....	62	76	95	.....	144	278	247	602	116	134
3.....	73	76	91	.....	127	247	278	692	108	91
4.....	59	76	85	.....	112	232	419	419	112	74
5.....	73	76	76	.....	95	195	765	328	95	66
6.....	76	76	76	.....	95	176	1,470	294	103	56
7.....	151	76	59	.....	95	211	1,130	328	85	56
8.....	76	76	44	.....	80	163	1,300	247	84	51
9.....	217	76	76	.....	74	166	765	328	76	54
10.....	262	76	85	.....	76	151	497	311	84	61
11.....	477	76	85	.....	76	915	1,130	184	80	53
12.....	163	76	80	.....	69	538	1,080	195	76	47
13.....	128	76	76	.....	67	311	1,530	184	69	74
14.....	95	73	.....	.....	61	278	1,960	173	67	865
15.....	95	67	.....	.....	59	217	1,840	168	67	517
16.....	95	67	.....	.....	59	184	1,130	168	80	262
17.....	95	67	.....	.....	59	163	765	195	84	278
18.....	95	67	.....	.....	59	149	602	151	76	211
19.....	95	76	.....	.....	76	137	890	144	76	168
20.....	99	76	.....	.....	73	130	477	130	134	149
21.....	85	91	.....	.....	69	134	865	125	85	130
22.....	80	112	.....	.....	59	189	497	116	74	189
23.....	76	76	.....	.....	59	176	477	116	103	171
24.....	76	76	.....	.....	85	3,150	364	189	91	144
25.....	85	76	.....	112	127	1,410	311	151	76	130
26.....	80	76	.....	97	114	1,130	625	144	61	118
27.....	76	76	.....	91	311	715	3,080	127	62	149
28.....	76	76	.....	87	1,300	559	2,500	538	69	114
29.....	76	76	.....	151	580	497	1,580	189	66	103
30.....	76	95	.....	195	382	419	865	144	61	95
31.....	76	.....	.....	144	.....	311	.....	127	59	.....

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.
1914.			1914.			1914.		
1.....	95	149	11.....	189	116	21.....	232	76
2.....	80	144	12.....	195	116	22.....	217	.....
3.....	99	144	13.....	328	116	23.....	206	.....
4.....	76	134	14.....	497	116	24.....	184	.....
5.....	80	134	15.....	457	116	25.....	179	.....
6.....	477	125	16.....	419	99	26.....	173	.....
7.....	346	125	17.....	364	95	27.....	168	.....
8.....	382	121	18.....	311	112	28.....	161	.....
9.....	247	121	19.....	278	87	29.....	156	.....
10.....	203	125	20.....	247	80	30.....	156	.....
						31.....	151	.....

NOTE.—Daily discharge computed from a rating curve fairly well defined between 50 and 200 second-feet. Above 500 second-feet the estimates should be used with great caution. They may be as much as 25 per cent in error.

*Monthly discharge of Upper Iowa River near Decorah, Iowa, for the period Aug. 27, 1913, to Nov. 21, 1914.*

[Drainage area, 560 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1913.						
August 27-31.....	51	44	47.2	0.084	0.02	C.
September.....	85	37	49.9	.089	.10	B.
1913-14.						
October.....	477	59	111	.198	.23	B.
November.....	112	67	77.0	.138	.15	A.
December 1-13.....	95	44	78.7	.140	.07	A.
March 25-31.....	195	87	125	.223	.06	B.
April.....	1,300	59	160	.286	.32	B.
May.....	3,150	130	448	.800	.92	C.
June.....	3,080	247	991	1.77	1.98	C.
July.....	692	116	254	.454	.52	B.
August.....	134	59	84.1	.150	.17	A.
September.....	865	51	159	.284	.32	A.
1914.						
October.....	477	76	237	0.423	0.49	A.
November 1-21.....	149	76	117	.209	.16	A.

#### WISCONSIN RIVER NEAR RHINELANDER, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—On the line between secs. 26 and 27, T. 36 N., R. 8 E., Oneida County, at highway bridge immediately below power station of the Rhinelander Power Co., 8 miles southwest of Rhinelander and 8 miles below the mouth of Pelican River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,110 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 1, 1905, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage fastened to upstream side of bridge, read twice daily, morning and evening, by G. N. Kramer.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from highway bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Gravel; during the greater part of the open-water period aquatic plants grow in the channel, destroying the open-water discharge relation. Both banks are high and will not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.8 feet at 7 a. m. July 18 (discharge approximately 2,920 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.9 feet at 7 a. m. September 6 (discharge approximately 245 second-feet).

1905-1915: Maximum discharge recorded, 3,850 second-feet October 9, 1911; minimum discharge recorded, zero during August-September, 1907, and June-July, 1908. The minimum flow is due to regulation and it is doubtful if the flow during these periods was absolutely zero. It is possible, however, so to control the flow that the absolute minimum for short periods will be small.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Relatively warm water from service reservoir above the station prevents the formation of much ice on the control. Flow when ice is present is determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Above the gaging station the following reservoirs are operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. for the purpose of regulating the flow: South Pelican, North Pelican, Big St. Germain, Little St. Germain, Sugar Camp, Seven Mile, Upper Nine Mile, Lower Nine Mile, Burnt Rollways, Long on Deerskin, Little Deerskin, Buckatahpon, Twin, and Vieux Desert. The flow is also regulated at the dam immediately above the station by the Rhinelander Paper Co. dam and the Otto Rapids dam of the Eagle River Electric Co. For more detailed information in regard to these reservoirs and power plants see page 127.

**ACCURACY.**—Records only fair, owing to presence of aquatic plants in the channel during the greater part of the year and to diurnal fluctuation. In September, 1915, a Stevens water-stage recorder was installed at the head of Whirlpool Rapids, Lincoln County, sec. 3, T. 35 N., R. 8 E., about 2 miles below the present gage, and a cable installed from which discharge measurements may be made. The control at the new site will not be affected by vegetation and records will probably be more accurate.

*Discharge measurements of Wisconsin River near Rhinelander, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 14 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	2.68	1,000	Mar. 15	G. H. Canfield.....	2.80	1,180
Jan. 7 <sup>b</sup>	do.....	2.75	934	May 20	H. C. Beckman.....	2.81	1,250
Feb. 11 <sup>b</sup>	do.....	2.34	642	Aug. 16 <sup>c</sup>	do.....	3.90	1,430
Mar. 15	do.....	2.80	1,180				

<sup>a</sup> Aquatic plants along shore but none in main channel.

<sup>b</sup> No ice at gage section; complete in cover half a mile downstream.

<sup>c</sup> Heavy growth of aquatic plants in gage section.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Wisconsin River near Rhinelander, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,220	488	1,180	790	840	1,150	930	1,460	1,220	700	625	1,180
2.....	1,180	1,090	1,270				1,090	1,140	1,140	700	738	1,140
3.....	1,010	1,270	1,220				1,010	1,220	1,050	521	700	1,090
4.....	850	1,180	1,270				662	1,270	1,010	325	1,090	1,090
5.....	970	1,220	1,270				970	1,180	1,050	325	1,790	355
6.....	850	1,220	930	800	840	1,160	1,090	1,180	850	355	1,680	270
7.....	890	1,360	1,180				1,180	1,320	1,180	625	1,460	590
8.....	890	738	1,270				1,320	1,320	1,050	738	890	970
9.....	970	1,050	1,090				1,740	1,050	1,010	738	1,900	1,140
10.....	890	1,320	890				1,570	1,180	1,140	738	2,020	850
11.....	930	1,520	685	800	840	1,160	1,360	1,140	1,140	554	1,570	1,190
12.....	1,320	1,320					1,410	1,180	1,010	625	1,570	292
13.....	1,050	1,620					1,790	1,140	850	662	1,570	418
14.....	1,050	1,570					2,020	1,180	1,140	850	1,270	930
15.....	1,180	775					1,840	1,140	1,220	554	1,460	1,090
16.....	1,220	1,270	775	840	915	930	1,900	890	1,140	890	1,360	775
17.....	1,270	1,140					1,790	1,270	1,050	812	1,360	1,180
18.....	890	1,220					1,180	1,180	1,270	2,780	970	1,140
19.....	1,220	1,140					1,520	1,180	1,180	2,020	890	812
20.....	1,410	1,180					1,570	1,180	700	1,900	890	1,050
21.....	1,360	1,090	775	840	915	930	1,570	1,360	775	1,790	850	1,320
22.....	1,270	1,010					1,840	1,570	1,180	1,570	295	1,180
23.....	1,320	1,090					1,460	1,090	1,140	1,460	340	1,140
24.....	1,220	1,180					1,410	1,410	1,140	1,570	775	1,140
25.....	970	1,090					1,050	1,360	1,050	454	700	1,050
26.....	1,140	1,180	775	840	915	930	1,520	1,360	930	1,010	700	1,010
27.....	1,220	1,320					1,360	1,180	738	930	488	1,010
28.....	1,180	1,270					1,270	1,140	890	890	464	1,180
29.....	1,140	1,320					1,270	1,050	930	1,010	270	1,050
30.....	1,050	1,140					1,460	1,180	812	970	440	662
31.....	1,010	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140	.....	890	1,050	.....

**NOTE.**—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 10 and June 1 to Sept. 30, by indirect method; Nov. 11 to Dec. 10 and Apr. 1 to May 31, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 554 and 3,200 second-feet; Dec. 11 to Mar. 31 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Wisconsin River near Rhinelander, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,110 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	1,410	850	1,100	0.991	1.14	
November.....	1,620	488	1,180	1.06	1.18	
December.....	1,270		869	.783	.90	C.
January.....			811	.731	.84	C.
February.....			861	.776	.81	C.
March.....			1,080	.973	1.12	
April.....	2,020	662	1,400	1.26	1.41	
May.....	1,570	890	1,210	1.09	1.26	
June.....	1,270	700	1,030	.928	1.04	
July.....	2,780	325	967	.871	1.00	
August.....	2,020	270	1,040	.937	1.08	
September.....	1,320	270	943	.850	.95	
The year.....	2,780	270	1,040	.937	12.73	

#### WISCONSIN RIVER AT MERRILL, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge at east end of the city of Merrill, Lincoln County, 1,000 feet below the power house of the Merrill Electric Railway & Power Co., and half a mile below the mouth of Prairie River, coming in from the left. (See Pl. IV, B.)

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,630 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—November 17, 1902, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Stevens water-stage recorder installed September 11, 1914; November 17, 1902, to June 17, 1903, staff gage; June 17, 1903, to September 10, 1914, chain gage attached to downstream side of highway bridge; datum same since June 17, 1903; records prior to this date questionable.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from highway bridge a few feet above the recording gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel and rock; nearly permanent; small island below gage and small rapids on either side probably constitute control. Both banks fairly high and rarely overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 7.30 feet at 1 a. m. August 7 (discharge, 6,760 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.95 feet at 7 a. m. July 6 (discharge, approximately 450 second-feet).

1912–1915: Maximum stage recorded, approximately 17.5 feet at 5 a. m. July 24, 1912 (discharge, 45,000 second-feet). During the preceding 24 hours 11.25 inches of rain fell in the vicinity of Merrill. According to C. B. Stewart, consulting engineer, Madison, the run-off of the 700 square miles between Merrill and Tomahawk was at the rate of 65 second-feet per square mile. If the estimate is extended to the entire area above Merrill the flow was 17 second-feet per square mile. Minimum stage recorded for the period, 2.7 feet, July 7, 1910 (discharge approximately 390 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected somewhat by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, gage record, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Above the gaging station are 17 reservoirs, 3 in the Tomahawk River basin and 14 in the headwaters of Wisconsin River above the gaging station near Rhinelander, which are operated by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. for the purpose of regulating the flow in the Wisconsin River. In addition to the above reservoirs the following eight dams on Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers are



A. MEASURING FLOW OF AN ICE-COVERED STREAM, WISCONSIN RIVER AT NECEDAH, WIS.



B. GAGING STATION ON WISCONSIN RIVER AT MERRILL, WIS.  
Looking upstream. Shows chain gage on bridge and shelter for water-stage recorder.

operated for power: Merrill, Merrill Electric Light & Railway Co.; Grandfather, Father Falls, Grandfather Falls Co.; Tomahawk, Tomahawk Pulp & Paper Co.; Kings, Tomahawk Power Co.; Hat Rapids, Rhinelander Power Co.; Rhinelander, Rhinelander Power Co.; Otter Rapids, Eagle River Electric Co.; Tomahawk, Tomahawk Light, Telephone & Improvement Co. For more detailed information in regard to these reservoirs and power plants see table on page 127.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve well defined; mean daily discharge determined by integrating the discharge direct from recording gage records; channel practically permanent throughout the year; records believed excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Wisconsin River at Merrill, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 5	G. H. Canfield.....	4.79	1,930	Feb. 8 <sup>c</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	4.62	1,380
6	.....do.....	4.74	1,720	9 <sup>c</sup>	.....do.....	5.14	1,880
Nov. 20 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	4.40	1,370	Mar. 8	.....do.....	4.52	1,370
Jan. 4 <sup>c</sup>	.....do.....	5.03	1,760	June 9	Hoyt and Bennett.....	6.23	4,240

<sup>a</sup> During measurement stage fell 0.6 foot in 20 minutes.

<sup>c</sup> Ice on control.

<sup>b</sup> One channel partly frozen; control clear of ice.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Wisconsin River at Merrill, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	2,050	2,040	2,280	1,330	1,160	1,120	1,800	3,460	2,620	2,180	2,780	2,020
2.....	2,050	1,400	2,290		1,500	1,570	1,720	3,280	2,580	1,970	2,680	2,140
3.....	2,050	1,860	2,290		1,580	1,660	1,760	3,020	2,430	1,790	4,070	2,160
4.....	2,050	1,870	2,350	1,330	1,260	1,360	1,900	3,920	2,320	1,350	6,080	2,240
5.....	2,250	1,910	2,110	1,540	1,600	1,390	2,140	3,360	2,180	1,280	7,020	1,980
6.....	3,380	1,840	2,060	1,640	1,210	1,560	3,030	3,280	3,360	845	7,520	1,640
7.....	2,160	1,870	1,880	1,640	1,480	1,500	3,650	3,810	3,040	1,700	7,420	1,460
8.....	2,630	1,900	2,290	1,600	1,340	1,300	4,490	4,570	4,060	1,480	6,180	1,280
9.....	2,560	1,190	1,720	1,230	1,540	1,260	5,240	5,020	3,880	1,890	5,010	1,890
10.....	2,740	1,420	1,800	1,420	1,320	1,640	6,380	4,410	3,720	1,700	4,950	1,660
11.....	3,220	1,760	1,380	1,280	1,480	1,660	7,140	3,860	3,420	2,160	4,120	1,610
12.....	2,800	1,820	1,410	1,430	1,220	1,530	6,620	3,720	3,320	2,320	3,920	1,510
13.....	2,870	1,710	1,730	1,400	1,520	1,900	7,150	3,150	2,940	2,620	3,350	1,640
14.....	2,960	1,790	1,460	1,140	1,420	1,920	6,400	3,280	2,680	2,430	3,460	1,580
15.....	2,980	1,960	1,630	1,400	1,340	1,710	5,640	3,120	2,970	2,680	3,000	2,620
16.....	2,980	1,490	1,480	1,540	1,700	1,680	5,560	3,760	2,840	3,560	2,880	2,500
17.....	2,800	1,680	1,260	1,640	1,410	2,020	5,520	4,140	2,610	4,400	2,980	2,680
18.....	2,900	1,980	1,540	1,250	1,340	1,740	5,310	4,420	2,600	5,380	2,740	2,560
19.....	2,400	1,600	1,640	1,630	1,610	1,870	4,780	4,370	3,340	4,250	2,400	2,560
20.....	2,620	1,520	1,540	1,440	1,440	1,910	5,080	3,860	3,680	3,780	2,380	2,520
21.....	2,740	1,840	1,360	1,360	1,420	1,960	4,430	5,450	3,440	3,350	2,320	2,500
22.....	2,400	1,770	1,660	1,380	1,310	1,590	4,280	6,540	3,490	3,040	2,380	2,640
23.....	2,660	1,430	1,620	1,470	1,420	1,550	4,070	6,740	3,100	2,580	1,330	2,160
24.....	2,390	1,780	1,480	1,570	1,720	2,100	5,010	5,840	2,590	3,180	1,880	2,220
25.....	2,540	1,770		1,140	1,400	2,040	4,780	5,240	2,120	3,660	1,720	2,020
26.....	1,860	1,920		1,430	1,560	1,820	3,000	5,300	2,420	3,220	1,840	2,980
27.....	2,300	1,650		1,480	1,220	1,830	4,060	4,770	2,850	2,750	1,820	1,500
28.....	2,420	1,840	1,400	1,250	1,560	2,070	4,170	3,940	1,870	2,660	1,800	2,390
29.....	2,100	1,920		1,380		1,640	4,020	3,540	3,020	2,400	2,000	2,740
30.....	1,940	1,960		1,470		1,520	3,880	3,270	2,520	2,100	1,120	2,550
31.....	1,890			1,280		1,700		2,610		2,070	1,770	

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve well defined between 1,210 and 8,430 second-feet, poorly defined below 1,210 second-feet, and fairly well defined above 8,430 second-feet.

Discharge relation affected by ice Dec. 10 to Mar. 30; discharge during this period determined by standard methods used during periods when river is frozen over. Necessary corrections to gage heights determined from discharge measurements, gage records, observer's notes, and weather records. Instead of applying rating curve to mean daily gage height the discharge was determined by the "Fuller" integrator, which determines directly the mean daily discharge. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.



*Monthly discharge of Wisconsin River at Merrill, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accuracy.	Month	Discharge in second-feet.			Accuracy.
	Maxi-mum.	Mini-mum.	Mean.			Maxi-mum.	Mini-mum.	Mean.	
October.....	3,380	1,860	2,510	B.	April.....	7,150	1,720	4,430	A.
November.....	2,040	1,190	1,750	A.	May.....	6,740	2,610	4,140	A.
December.....	2,350	.....	1,680	B.	June.....	4,060	1,870	2,930	A.
January.....	.....	.....	1,410	C.	July.....	5,380	845	2,610	B.
February.....	.....	.....	1,430	C.	August.....	7,520	1,120	3,380	A.
March.....	.....	.....	1,680	C.	September.....	2,740	1,280	2,130	A.
					The year.....	7,520	.....	2,510	

## WISCONSIN RIVER NEAR NEKOOSA, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 15, T. 21 N., R. 5 E.,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles below Nekoosa, Wood County. Tenmile Creek enters from the left about 2 miles below the station, and Big Roche a Cri Creek, also from the left, about 28 miles below the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—5,500 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 21, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Gurley graph water-stage recorder, in wooden shelter on right bank of river, installed October 23, 1914; prior to this date a staff gage about 300 feet upstream from recording gage. The recording gage was set so as to give the same readings as the staff gage at medium stages; there is probably but slight difference in readings at other stages.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from cable a short distance above the gage house. **CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Gravel; clean; probably nearly permanent; both banks high and will rarely overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 8.68 feet at 7 a. m. May 24 (discharge, 19,800 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.80 foot 10 p. m. August 31 to 2 a. m. September 1 (discharge, 1,030 second-feet).

May 21, 1914, to September 30, 1915: Maximum stage recorded, approximately 15.3 feet during the flood of June 6 to 9, 1914, as determined by levels run to high-water marks after water had receded (discharge, approximately 54,000 second-feet); minimum discharge recorded, 0.80 foot 10 p. m. August 31 to 2 a. m. September 1, 1915; discharge, 1,030 second-feet. The absolute minimum was probably below this figure and was due to regulation.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—No storage reservoirs discharge into the Wisconsin River between Nekoosa and Merrill. For detailed information in regard to the 17 storage reservoirs above Merrill on the Wisconsin River and its tributaries, see the table on page 127.

Between Nekoosa and Merrill the following 12 dams are operated for power: Edwards Paper Co.: Nekoosa dam and Port Edwards dam at Nekoosa; Centralia Pulp & Water Power Co. dam; Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.; Grand Rapids dam and Biron dam; Plover Paper Co. dam at Whiting; Wisconsin River Paper & Pulp Co. dam; Jackson Milling Co. dam; Wausau Sulphate Fibre Co. dam; Marathon Paper Mills Co. dam; Wausau Street Railway Co. dam; Wausau Paper Mills Co. dam.

For more detailed information in regard to these power plants see table on page 127.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; mean daily gage height accurately determined; channel permanent; open-water records excellent.

Reservoirs maintained by the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co. in 1915.<sup>a</sup>

Name.	Location of reservoir.	Location of dam.	Area of reservoir.	Drainage area.	Capacity (millions of cubic feet).	
					Summer.	Winter.
<i>Tomahawk River.</i>			<i>Square miles.</i>	<i>Square miles.</i>		
Rice Storage.....	Tps. 35-36 N., Rs. 5-7 E..	Secs. 4 and 9, T. 35 N., R. 6 E.	6. 85	558. 25	1, 788	1, 788
Squirrel.....	T. 39 N., R. 5 E.....	Sec. 30, T. 39 N., R. 5 E..	3. 00	17. 07	152	152
Minocqua.....	Tps. 38-40 N., Rs. 6-7 E..	Sec. 10, T. 39 N., R. 6 E..	11. 31	81. 60	291	651
<i>Wisconsin River.</i>						
South Pelican.....	T. 35 N., Rs. 10-11 E....	Sec. 11, T. 35 N., R. 10 E..	5. 49	22. 50	0	305
North Pelican.....	Tps. 36-38 N., Rs. 9-11 E..	Sec. 4, T. 36 N., R. 10 E..	2. 33	93. 00	83	205
Big St. Germain....	Tps. 40-41 N., Rs. 7-8 E....	Sec. 30, T. 40 N., R. 8 E..	2. 51	68. 76	243	243
Little St. Germain..	T. 40 N., Rs. 8-9 E.....	Sec. 35, T. 40 N., R. 8 E..	1. 57	19. 34	142	142
Sugar Camp.....	Tps. 38-39 N., Rs. 8-10 E..	Sec. 17, T. 39 N., R. 9 E..	3. 34	59. 00	380	380
Seven Mile.....	T. 39 N., Rs. 11-12 E....	Sec. 11, T. 39 N., R. 11 E..	. 87	14. 00	117	117
Upper Nine Mile....	T. 40 N., Rs. 11-12 E....	Sec. 36, T. 40 N., R. 11 E..	. 24	3. 00	14	14
Lower Nine Mile....	Tps. 39-40 N., R. 11 E....	Sec. 4, T. 39 N., R. 11 E..	1. 14	28. 00	93	93
Burnt Rollways....	Tps. 37-40 N., Rs. 11-12 E.	Sec. 5, T. 39 N., R. 11 E..	10. 91	133. 00	386	609
Long on Deerskin..	Tps. 41-42 N., R. 12 E....	Sec. 7, T. 41 N., R. 12 E..	3. 96	28. 80	316	384
Little Deerskin....	Tps. 40-41 N., Rs. 10-11 E.	Sec. 33, T. 41 N., R. 11 E..	. 49	4. 90	22	22
Buckatahpon.....	T. 41 N., R. 9 E.....	Sec. 24, T. 41 N., R. 9 E..	1. 88	14. 10	142	142
Twin.....	Tps. 41-42 N., R. 11 E....	Sec. 19, T. 41 N., R. 11 E..	5. 41	25. 70	330	380
Vieux Desert.....	T. 42 N., R. 11 E.....	Sec. 17, T. 42 N., R. 11 E..	7. 47	27. 50	600	600
			68. 77	1, 198. 52	5, 099	6, 227

Power plants on Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers above Nekoosa, Wis.<sup>a</sup>

Name of power.	Location.	Head developed.	Area of pond in acres.
<i>Wisconsin River.</i>			
Nekoosa—Edwards Paper Co.:		<i>Feet.</i>	
Nekoosa dam.....	T. 21 N., R. 5 E.....	19	150
Port Edwards dam.....	T. 22 N., R. 5 E.....	18	50
Centralia Pulp & Water Power Co. dam.....	T. 22 N., R. 5 E.....	13	150
Consolidated Water Power & Paper Co.:			
Grand Rapids dam.....	T. 22 N., R. 6 E.....	28	320
Biron dam.....	T. 23 N., R. 6 E.....	16	160
Whiting—Plover Paper Co. dam.....	T. 23 N., R. 8 E.....	6.5	49
Wisconsin River Paper & Pulp Co. dam.....	T. 23 N., R. 8 E.....	18	76
Jackson Milling Co. dam.....	T. 23 N., R. 8 E.....	8	.....
Wausau Sulphate Fibre Co. dam.....	Sec. 29, T. 27 N., R. 7 E..	17	674
Marathon Paper Mills Co. dam.....	Sec. 24, T. 28 N., R. 7 E..	20	1,774
Wausau Street Railway Co. dam.....	Sec. 35, T. 29 N., R. 7 E..	22	304
Wausau Paper Mills Co. dam.....	Sec. 3, T. 29 N., R. 7 E..	16	596
Merrill—Merrill Electric Light & Railway Co.....	Sec. 13, T. 31 N., R. 6 E..	14	.....
Grandfather Falls—Grandfather Falls Co.....	Sec. 30, T. 33 N., R. 6 E..	33	.....
Tomahawk—Tomahawk Pulp & Paper Co.....	Sec. 10, T. 34 N., R. 6 E..	16	2,733
Kings—Tomahawk Power Co.....	Sec. 25, T. 35 N., R. 6 E..	23	1,810
Hat Rapids—Rhinelander Power Co.....	Sec. 27, T. 36 N., R. 8 E..	20	650
Rhinelander—Rhinelander Paper Co.....	Sec. 6, T. 36 N., R. 9 E..	32	3,576
Otter Rapids—Eagle River Electric Co.....	Sec. 36, T. 40 N., R. 9 E..	12	3,250
<i>Tomahawk River.</i>			
Tomahawk—Tomahawk Light, Telephone & Improvement Co.	Sec. 28, T. 35 N., R. 6 E.....	13.5	709

<sup>a</sup> From information furnished by Wisconsin Valley Improvement Co.

*Discharge measurements of Wisconsin River near Nekoosa, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height. <sup>a</sup>	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height. <sup>a</sup>	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 2	G. H. Canfield.....	2.21	3,310	Feb. 4 <sup>e</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	3.73	2,570
Nov. 21 <sup>b,c</sup>	.....do.....	1.07	1,410	Mar. 4 <sup>f</sup>	.....do.....	3.51	2,940
.....do.....	.....do.....	1.73	2,210	Apr. 10	H. C. Beckman.....	7.92	17,700
Jan. 1 <sup>e</sup>	.....do.....	3.80	2,110	12	.....do.....	8.44	19,200
Feb. 3 <sup>e</sup>	.....do.....	3.31	2,130	16	.....do.....	5.97	11,800
4 <sup>e</sup>	.....do.....	3.02	1,530	17	.....do.....	5.71	11,200

<sup>a</sup> Refers to hook gage installed Oct. 23.

<sup>b</sup> Some ice near shore, control nearly open.

<sup>c</sup> Made by wading under cable.

<sup>d</sup> Made through complete ice cover 2 miles down stream; frazil under ice at gage section.

<sup>e</sup> Made through complete ice cover; no frazil in section.

<sup>f</sup> Made at cable section; two-thirds ice cover.

*Daily discharge in second-feet of Wisconsin River near Nekoosa, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.						1914.					
1		6,200	17,800	3,980	5,220	16		6,770	6,880	1,720	7,940
2		6,660	17,800	3,920	7,460	17		4,400	5,540	2,480	8,900
3		6,660	18,400	3,190	6,090	18		3,790	5,540	3,190	9,900
4		13,500	17,200	3,010	6,200	19		4,020	5,430	4,360	8,180
5		24,000	12,800	3,920	5,870	20		5,320	5,320	6,770	7,940
6			11,200	3,680	6,090	21		4,800	5,870	4,700	6,540
7			8,420	2,740	5,220	22		5,540	6,310	3,830	5,760
8		34,300	7,230	2,570	5,320	23		13,900	5,650	3,830	4,700
9			5,980	2,830	4,300	24		19,000	5,120	3,870	5,650
10		21,400	5,760	3,370	3,740	25		16,900	6,090	3,830	6,880
11		15,400	5,980	3,370	4,120	26		12,300	6,660	3,740	7,940
12		9,400	6,660	3,140	4,120	27		10,700	7,700	5,540	7,000
13		8,180	6,770	2,920	4,400	28		9,150	12,000	5,010	6,420
14		6,770	6,660	2,660	6,420	29		8,420	16,600	3,920	6,880
15		6,540	6,770	2,150	5,650	30		7,460	17,800	3,280	6,200
						31		6,090		3,500	5,870

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.												
1	3,920	2,480					4,600	6,310	5,220	3,920	3,740	2,480
2	4,020	3,190					4,300	6,310	4,800	4,300	4,400	2,740
3	3,280	3,460					4,600	6,090	4,120	3,920	4,400	2,480
4	2,660	2,920					4,500	5,430	3,830	3,010	4,300	2,020
5	4,020	2,920					5,120	6,090	4,020	2,660	7,230	2,320
6	4,020	2,660	2,840	1,800	2,020	2,600	7,940	6,540	3,830	4,020	9,900	3,010
7	2,150	2,920					12,300	6,540	4,020	2,920	10,900	2,400
8	3,100	2,740					15,400	7,230	5,540	2,570	11,500	3,100
9	4,210	3,010					17,200	9,150	6,310	2,660	10,400	2,480
10		3,010					18,400	10,200	5,760	2,400	8,660	2,400
11		2,320					18,400	8,900	6,540	1,850	7,460	2,480
12		2,570					19,300	7,940	6,770	2,660	6,770	2,070
13		2,660					19,000	6,540	6,770	1,520	5,760	2,920
14		2,660					16,000	6,090	6,540	3,640	5,650	2,660
15		2,230					13,900	6,310	5,320	3,830	4,400	3,190
16	3,800	2,740	1,860	1,620	2,350		12,300	5,870	4,800	3,640	4,800	3,740
17		2,660					10,900	7,000	5,010	3,640	4,210	3,460
18		2,230					10,700	8,180	4,800	5,540	4,600	4,300
19		2,740					9,900	9,400	4,600	5,220	4,500	4,210
20		2,150					8,180	9,400	4,600	6,770	4,500	3,830
21							7,940	10,200	7,000	5,220	4,020	3,820
22							8,180	13,100	6,770	4,700	2,920	4,210
23	4,020					2,920	7,940	18,400	6,540	4,500	3,280	3,550
24	4,020					3,920	7,700	19,900	5,540	4,500	2,920	3,740
25	3,830					4,900	7,460	16,900	5,120	4,210	3,100	3,550
26	3,830	2,300	1,790	2,010	3,240		5,540	8,180	12,500	4,400	4,600	3,280
27	3,740						7,000	7,460	10,900	4,600	5,430	3,100
28	3,640						6,540	6,540	10,400	3,640	5,120	2,920
29	3,640						6,090	7,030	8,660	3,370	4,600	3,550
30	4,020						4,800	7,230	7,230	4,120	4,500	2,010
31	3,280						4,800		6,310		4,020	1,330

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a well-defined rating curve. June 6-9, 1914, estimated because water was over gage, from maximum gage height of 15.3 feet, determined by leveling to high-water mark; Oct. 10-22, 1914, estimated, because gage was not read, from flow preceding and following this period, and general conditions of flow; June 26, 27, and 28, 1915, partly estimated; Nov. 21 to Mar. 22, estimated because of ice from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Wisconsin River near Nekoosa, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

[Drainage area, 5,500 square miles.<sup>a</sup>]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
1914.				
May 21-31.....	19,000	4,800	10,400	A.
June.....	<sup>b</sup> 54,000	3,790	12,500	B.
July.....	18,400	3,280	7,390	A.
August.....	7,940	1,720	4,380	A.
September.....	9,900	3,680	5,780	A.
1914-15.				
October.....		2,150	3,700	C.
November.....	3,460		2,580	B.
December.....			2,150	C.
January.....			1,820	C.
February.....			2,490	C.
March.....	7,000		3,460	C.
April.....	19,300	4,300	10,300	A.
May.....	19,900	5,430	9,030	A.
June.....	7,000	3,370	5,140	B.
July.....	6,770	1,520	3,940	A.
August.....	11,500	1,330	5,150	A.
September.....	4,300	2,020	3,110	A.
The year.....	19,900		4,410	

<sup>a</sup> Estimates of "Second-feet per square mile" and "Run-off (depth in inches)" omitted, as distribution of flow at station is due to regulation. See description of station on Wisconsin River at Merrill, Wis.

<sup>b</sup> Estimated crest of flood, June 6-9, 1914.

#### WISCONSIN RIVER AT MUSCODA, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 1, T. 8 N., R. 1 W., Grant County, at highway bridge 1 mile north of the village of Muscoda. Eagle Mill Creek enters from the right about half a mile below, Underwood Creek from the left  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—10,300 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 21, 1902, to December 31, 1903, and December 4, 1913, to September 30, 1915. Gage heights November 1, 1908, to December 31, 1912, published in United States Weather Bureau bulletin, Daily River Stages, parts 9, 10, and 11.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to plate girder on downstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to half-tenths; by William Hessler. Elevation of zero of present gage approximately 12.62 feet above that of gage maintained December 20, 1902, to December 31, 1903; elevation of gage November, 1908, to December 3, 1913, as read and published by United States Weather Bureau was approximately the same as that of present gage, sea-level elevation of which is approximately 666.2 feet.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—No well-defined control at this station; rock outcrops for about 100 feet under right-hand end of the bridge; rest of the channel is sand and shifts during medium and high stages. The left bank is high and will not overflow; right bank low and will overflow above the bridge. The road leading to the bridge is high and all the water will pass under the bridge.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 6.0 feet April 17 (discharge, 23,600 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.70 feet December 2, 1914 (discharge, approximately, 3,390 second-feet).

1903 and 1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 22.70 feet September 23, 1903, corresponding to 10.1 feet for present gage datum (discharge, approximately, 60,500 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.7 foot December 2, 1914, and 5 p. m., July 24, 1915 (discharge, approximately, 3,140 second-feet).

According to the records of the United States Weather Bureau <sup>1</sup> (see note under Gage) on June 11, 1881, the river reached a stage of 11.1 feet and during August, 1868, 0.0; corresponding discharge not computed owing to possible changes in channel and datum of gage.

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

REGULATION.—Nearest power plant above the station is at Prairie du Sac, about 40 miles distant; during the last part of 1915 considerable diurnal fluctuation was observed at the gage. Owing to regulation by storage in the headwaters, the flow at this station is not natural. For detailed information in regard to the reservoirs and power plants above Nekoosa, see page 127.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve only fairly well defined; channel not permanent; some diurnal fluctuation; records fair.

*Discharge measurements of Wisconsin River at Muscoda, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Jan. 26 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	Feet. 3.32	Sec.-ft. 4,190	Apr. 28	Hoyt and Beckman.....	Feet. 3.55	11,800
26 <sup>a</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	3.32	3,920	July 14	M. F. Rather.....	1.57	4,970

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Wisconsin River at Muscoda, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	7,620	6,160	4,350	4,020	4,200	8,520	12,900	10,600	15,400	6,310	10,600	6,980
2.....	7,240	6,160	3,570				11,300	9,800	15,000	6,310	10,900	5,330
3.....	6,870	6,510	5,530				10,200	9,060	9,800	5,980	8,700	5,330
4.....	6,870	6,160	5,830				9,800	11,300	11,300	6,980	9,060	4,490
5.....	6,160	5,530	5,250				9,800	10,200	10,900	6,310	10,900	4,490
6.....	5,830	5,830	5,530	4,100	7,400	8,520	10,600	9,800	9,430	5,980	10,200	4,490
7.....	5,530	5,530	5,250				9,430	8,350	6,980	6,310	9,430	4,490
8.....	6,160	5,250	5,530				8,350	7,660	7,320	6,310	9,430	4,750
9.....	6,510	5,250	5,830				10,600	10,900	7,320	5,980	9,060	5,030
10.....	6,870	5,250	5,250				12,900	10,900	6,980	5,650	15,000	5,330
11.....	6,510	5,000	5,530	4,170	4,050	11,500	14,600	8,000	7,660	5,650	15,000	5,650
12.....	6,160	5,000	5,830				18,200	9,430	8,200	6,310	13,700	7,320
13.....	6,510	5,830	4,780				21,300	12,100	10,200	5,030	12,900	6,310
14.....	6,510	5,830	4,350				21,300	13,300	9,800	5,030	11,300	8,700
15.....	6,870	5,250					21,900	11,700	9,060	4,750	9,800	10,900
16.....	8,010	5,000		4,570			22,400	9,800	8,350	4,750	10,200	12,100
17.....	8,400	5,250					9,430	23,600	9,430	9,060	4,490	9,430
18.....	8,400	5,250					8,350	21,900	9,800	9,060	4,020	10,900
19.....	9,180	5,000					8,350	19,200	9,800	9,060	3,290	10,200
20.....	9,570	5,530					8,350	15,900	10,200	8,700	3,620	8,700
21.....	8,790	5,830		4,170	4,050	11,500	8,350	15,400	10,200	8,000	3,620	8,350
22.....	8,790	4,780					7,660	15,000	12,100	8,350	5,650	8,000
23.....	8,010	4,350					8,000	14,100	14,100	5,330	8,350	7,660
24.....	8,010	4,350					10,200	12,100	15,400	8,000	6,980	7,660
25.....	7,620	4,150					10,600	11,700	15,400	9,800	6,980	7,320
26.....	6,870	4,560		4,170	4,050	11,500	9,800	11,300	16,300	9,800	7,660	7,320
27.....	7,240	5,000					9,800	11,300	18,200	8,000	6,310	5,330
28.....	6,870	5,530					10,600	11,300	20,200	7,660	6,310	4,750
29.....	6,510	5,530					10,600	11,300	21,900	6,980	10,600	4,250
30.....	6,160	5,530					12,100	10,600	20,200	5,650	9,430	4,750
31.....	6,510						13,300		16,300		7,660	8,350

<sup>1</sup> Daily river stages, pt. 10, p. 98.

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Dec. 14, from a rating curve well defined between 3,570 and 16,500 second-feet; Mar. 17 to Sept. 30, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 4,490 and 13,700 second-feet; Dec. 15 to Mar. 16, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Wisconsin River at Muscoda, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 10,300 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	9,570	5,530	7,200	0.699	0.81	A.
November.....	6,510	4,150	5,340	.518	.58	A.
December.....	5,830	3,570	4,700	.456	.53	C.
January.....			4,060	.394	.45	D.
February.....			7,430	.721	.75	D.
March.....	13,300		9,090	.883	1.02	C.
April.....	23,600	8,350	14,300	1.39	1.55	B.
May.....	21,900	7,660	12,300	1.19	1.37	B.
June.....	15,400	5,330	8,920	.866	.97	B.
July.....	10,600	3,290	6,080	.590	.68	B.
August.....	15,000	4,250	9,330	.906	1.04	B.
September.....	12,900	4,490	8,220	.798	.89	B.
The year.....	23,600		8,080	.784	10.64	

#### TOMAHAWK RIVER NEAR BRADLEY, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 16, T. 36 N., R. 6 E., Oneida County, 2 miles west of Cassion, 4 miles north of Bradley, 4 miles downstream from the mouth of Bearskin Creek, (coming in from the right), and 8 miles above mouth of river.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—422 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—September 18, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to cantilever arm on the right bank; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Frank Sutherland.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from cable about half a mile below gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel at gage and a short distance below sandy and likely to shift. Control is formed by rapids about 2,000 feet below gage. Channel at cable section heavy gravel and permanent. When a head of 15 feet is maintained in Rice Lake storage dam, in secs. 4 and 9, T. 35 N., R. 6 E., back-water will extend halfway up the rapids which are below the gage, and probably affect the discharge relation. During 1914 and 1915 the maximum head maintained at the reservoir was 11 feet 3 inches, which probably did not affect the control for the gage.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—1914-1915: Maximum recorded stage during year, 4.7 feet April 14 and 15, 1915; minimum stage recorded, 1.95 feet September 10 to 13, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Squirrel and Minocqua reservoirs, above the station, are operated for the purpose of regulating flow in Wisconsin River.<sup>1</sup>

**ACCURACY.**—Gage-height record reliable; data insufficient to warrant publication of estimates of daily discharge.

<sup>1</sup> See U. S. Geol. Survey Water-Supply Paper 417, p. 13.

*Discharge measurements of Tomahawk River near Bradley, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 17 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	2.59	144	May 21	H. C. Beckman.....	3.55	665
Jan. 6 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	2.77	304	Aug. 14	.....do.....	2.73	429
Feb. 10 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	3.07	326	Sept. 13	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.97	264
Mar. 17 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	3.28	383	.....do.....	.....do.....	1.98	270
Apr. 9 <sup>c</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	4.45	734				

<sup>a</sup> Made from cable; partial ice cover.<sup>b</sup> Made through complete ice cover near gage.<sup>c</sup> Probably ice on control.*Daily gage height in feet, of Tomahawk River near Bradley, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	2.65	2.45	3.0	2.6	.....	.....	2.9	2.9	2.65	2.28	2.25	2.49
2.....	2.65	2.45	3.0	.....	3.05	3.25	.....	2.8	2.5	2.2	2.6	2.36
3.....	2.6	2.44	3.65	2.7	.....	.....	2.6	2.8	2.44	2.16	3.05	2.22
4.....	2.55	2.46	3.25	.....	3.05	3.3	2.9	2.9	2.35	2.19	3.55	2.2
5.....	2.5	2.48	3.2	2.7	.....	.....	3.15	3.0	2.3	2.24	3.8	2.15
6.....	2.5	2.44	3.25	.....	3.05	3.25	3.6	3.0	2.9	2.25	3.9	2.06
7.....	2.65	2.4	.....	2.8	.....	.....	3.95	3.2	3.6	2.19	3.95	2.02
8.....	2.7	2.39	2.6	.....	3.1	3.2	4.4	3.4	3.7	2.15	3.95	2.0
9.....	2.75	2.38	.....	2.8	.....	.....	4.5	3.45	3.7	2.08	3.85	2.0
10.....	2.75	2.38	2.9	.....	3.1	3.25	4.5	3.45	3.55	2.0	3.7	1.95
11.....	2.85	2.36	.....	2.8	.....	.....	4.7	3.35	3.4	2.2	3.45	1.95
12.....	3.0	2.35	2.95	.....	3.1	3.3	4.7	3.3	3.3	2.7	3.15	1.95
13.....	3.0	2.34	.....	2.85	.....	.....	4.7	3.3	3.3	2.9	2.9	1.96
14.....	3.0	2.38	3.0	.....	3.15	3.35	4.7	3.25	3.35	2.9	2.7	2.36
15.....	3.0	2.49	.....	2.85	.....	.....	4.7	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.7	3.3
16.....	2.95	2.5	3.0	.....	3.15	3.35	4.6	3.4	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.6
17.....	2.9	2.44	.....	2.9	.....	.....	4.5	3.5	3.1	4.2	2.75	3.9
18.....	2.85	2.85	2.95	.....	3.15	3.4	4.4	3.55	3.0	4.2	2.65	4.1
19.....	2.8	3.05	.....	2.95	.....	.....	4.3	3.5	3.1	4.2	2.55	4.2
20.....	2.8	2.85	2.9	.....	3.2	3.4	4.2	3.4	3.2	4.1	2.46	4.1
21.....	2.75	2.6	.....	2.95	.....	.....	4.2	3.55	3.35	3.9	2.38	3.95
22.....	2.7	2.45	2.85	.....	3.2	3.45	4.1	3.75	3.3	3.7	2.3	3.75
23.....	2.65	2.35	.....	3.0	.....	.....	3.9	3.8	3.2	3.4	2.21	3.5
24.....	2.6	2.41	2.7	.....	3.2	3.5	4.2	3.9	3.05	3.25	2.28	3.3
25.....	2.55	2.5	.....	3.0	.....	.....	4.6	3.95	2.85	3.15	2.38	3.15
26.....	2.55	2.7	2.6	.....	3.2	2.8	4.2	3.85	2.65	3.05	2.39	3.35
27.....	2.55	2.75	.....	3.05	.....	.....	3.2	3.65	2.5	2.9	2.4	3.5
28.....	2.5	2.7	2.55	.....	3.25	3.15	3.15	3.4	2.5	2.8	2.38	3.6
29.....	2.5	2.75	.....	3.05	.....	.....	3.15	3.25	2.49	2.7	2.48	3.7
30.....	2.5	2.9	2.6	.....	.....	3.4	3.05	2.95	2.38	2.6	2.6	3.7
31.....	2.48	.....	.....	3.0	.....	.....	.....	2.8	.....	2.6	2.55	.....

NOTE.—Discharge relation affected by ice and other causes from about Nov. 11 to Apr. 30.

## PRAIRIE RIVER NEAR MERRILL, WIS.

LOCATION.—On line between secs. 20 and 29, T. 32 N., R. 7 E., Lincoln County, at highway bridge  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles northeast of Merrill, and about  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the mouth of the river. Haymeadow Creek enters from the left about 5 miles above the station.

DRAINAGE AREA.—164 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—January 18, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to upstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by G. H. Bell.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—At low stages made by wading; at medium and high stages from downstream side of bridge to which gage is attached.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Gravel; clean and free from vegetation. Left bank is only of medium height and may overflow at high stages; right bank is high and will not overflow; both banks wooded. No well-defined control.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 3.7 feet at 4 p. m. May 22 (discharge, 738 second-feet); minimum discharge, 72 second-feet, recorded by discharge measurement made January 4.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 4.6 feet; April 30, 1914 (discharge, 1,160 second-feet); minimum, 72 second-feet, recorded by measurement made January 4, 1915. Absolute minimum occurred during the winter period 1914-1915 and was probably somewhat less than 72 second-feet.

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve well defined over a range in stage covered by gage heights; no diurnal fluctuation; control permanent; records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Prairie River near Merrill, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 7	G. H. Canfield.....	1.84	109	Mar. 7 <sup>b</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.77	102
Jan. 4 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.90	72	June 9	W. G. Hoyt.....	2.79	370
Feb. 8 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.78	85				

<sup>a</sup> Made through partial ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Ice along shores but control clear.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Prairie River near Merrill, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	118	118	186	70	85	111	103	261	212	137	244	103
2.....	120	118	159			122	101	244	172	133	313	97
3.....	118	122	154			116	114	261	159	118	348	101
4.....	118	122	148			110	110	278	137	118	535	97
5.....	115	122	135			110	137	278	137	133	655	97
6.....	115	120	122	75	95	110	330	278	313	137	655	93
7.....	120	118	120			52	313	330	458	128	574	97
8.....	148	118	118			73	384	440	535	133	458	101
9.....	159	115	110			90	458	440	402	106	366	103
10.....	172	115	103			106	535	421	348	103	296	101
11.....	184	116	102	80	100	108	614	313	330	133	244	101
12.....	184	115	101			110	614	296	278	212	184	103
13.....	184	96				108	574	278	261	212	169	118
14.....	184	120				106	535	244	244	184	133	133
15.....	172	148				102	366	244	198	159	128	148
16.....	159	172	75	80	100	97	348	313	184	212	137	137
17.....	148	148				99	330	440	184	384	133	137
18.....	137					101	313	421	172	348	137	133
19.....	133					101	313	440	184	278	128	137
20.....	128					101	313	458	212	212	110	128
21.....	126	120	75	80	100	99	296	458	184	172	103	115
22.....	122					97	278	738	172	159	97	103
23.....	118					102	278	696	159	137	103	115
24.....	126					106	348	655	137	228	106	103
25.....	128					112	421	614	128	278	103	101
26.....	137	159	75	80	100	118	384	496	118	348	101	97
27.....	137	159				110	366	421	110	261	97	103
28.....	128	159				103	384	421	110	228	101	110
29.....	126	186				97	348	348	184	184	110	106
30.....	122	212				91	313	256	159	184	110	106
31.....	122					97	.....	212	.....	159	106	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined between 103 and 870 second-feet, Nov. 27, 29, Dec. 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and Mar. 1, 3, 5, and every other day throughout the month, interpolated. Discharge Nov. 18-25 and Dec. 13 to Feb. 28, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.



*Monthly discharge of Prairie River near Merrill, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 164 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	184	115	139	0.848	0.98	A.
November.....	212	96	131	.799	.89	B.
December.....	186		98.8	.602	.69	C.
January.....			75.2	.459	.53	C.
February.....			92.9	.566	.59	C.
March.....	122	73	103	.628	.72	B.
April.....	614	101	344	2.10	2.34	A.
May.....	738	212	388	2.37	2.73	A.
June.....	535	110	219	1.34	1.50	A.
July.....	384	103	191	1.16	1.34	A.
August.....	655	97	228	1.39	1.60	A.
September.....	148	93	111	.677	.76	A.
The year.....	738		177	1.08	14.67	

#### LITTLE RIB RIVER NEAR WAUSAU, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 29, T. 29 N., R. 7 E., Marathon County, at second highway bridge above mouth, about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Wausau and 1 mile above junction with Big Rib River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—76 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January 10, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to downstream side of highway bridge; read twice daily • morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Harry Hartwig.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge during high water; at low and medium stages by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Gravel and sand; control small rapids on each side of small island about 20 feet below gage; left bank high and will not overflow; right bank low above gage and during exceptional high floods will overflow around right end of bridge; both banks brush covered.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 5.75 feet at 6.15 a. m. April 6 (discharge, 695 second-feet); minimum discharge, 6.4 second-feet recorded by measurement made January 5; absolute minimum for the winter period probably less than 6.4 second-feet.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 9.85 feet at 6 p. m. June 4, 1914 (discharge, approximately 1,880 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open water, 1.18 feet August 6 to 9, 1914 (discharge, approximately 6 second-feet); mean of 4 second-feet was estimated for the period February 21 to 28, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve fairly well defined over a range in stage covered by gage heights; no diurnal fluctuation; results subject to errors due to changes in channel and to collection of débris on the control in spring; records only fair.

*Discharge measurements of Little Rib River near Wausau, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Fect.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Fect.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Jan. 5 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.22	6.4	June 29	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.74	64.
Feb. 6 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	1.24	8.6	Sept. 9	H. T. Critchlow.....	1.15	12.0
Mar. 9 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	1.21	9.6	.....do.....	.....do.....	1.15	11.3

<sup>a</sup> Complete ice cover at gage; nearly open at control.

<sup>b</sup> Made by wading; complete ice cover at gage; nearly open at control.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Little Rib River near Wausau, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1.....	13	12	a 18	6	9	a 26	56	26	31	20	15	15	
2.....	13	12	24			22	58	23	28	16	23	14	
3.....	12	13	a 22			a 21	132	39	25	15	74	13	
4.....	12	15	19			20	150	75	23	15	110	12	
5.....	12	17	a 16			a 19	200	50	22	16	170	12	
6.....	12	14	12	7	9	18	652	39	125	15	82	12	
7.....	13	13	a 10			a 17	368	125	125	15	61	13	
8.....	72	13	8			16	384	162	46	15	46	14	
9.....	34	12	a 10			a 16	305	89	38	14	33	13	
10.....	25	12	12			16	400	57	40	13	30	12	
11.....	34	11	a 11	7	9	a 16	320	45	140	13	25	11	
12.....	43	12	10			16	208	42	68	15	21	12	
13.....	72	12	9			a 20	140	34	46	15	19	20	
14.....	78	13	8			24	125	30	35	13	18	67	
15.....	46	25				a 57	28	110	28	15	16	26	
16.....	32	42	8	8	90	30	110	140	24	17	28	20	
17.....	27	43			a 70	a 30	103	155	22	16	74	16	
18.....	23	14			50	30	85	132	22	13	27	15	
19.....	21	a 12			a 39	a 29	88	93	170	13	20	13	
20.....	19	11			28	28	75	89	85	12	17	13	
21.....	18	a 10	7	8	9	a 40	a 26	63	384	51	13	16	
22.....	17	10				51	23	54	567	40	13	14	12
23.....	17	a 9				57	a 60	54	215	30	21	14	12
24.....	17	8				a 63	96	50	148	26	33	15	12
25.....	17	a 10				54	44	110	22	68	14	12	12
26.....	16	11	7	8	9	46	40	140	20	28	13	12	
27.....	14	a 12				a 38	34	83	19	22	13	13	13
28.....	13	12				30	44	58	16	30	12	12	12
29.....	13	a 12				.....	34	50	39	24	15	12	12
30.....	13	13				.....	28	43	30	20	27	12	12
31.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	16	19	.....		

<sup>a</sup> Interpolated.

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Dec. 14, from a rating curve well defined between 7 and 830 second-feet; Feb. 12 to Sept. 30, except Mar. 25-31 and Apr. 4 and 5, from a rating curve fairly well defined between 11 and 830 second-feet. Discharge Mar. 25-31 and Apr. 4 and 5 estimated because of log jam. Discharge Dec. 13 to Feb. 10 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Little Rib River near Wausau, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 76 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	78	12	25.2	0.332	0.38	B.
November.....	43	8	14.5	.191	.21	C.
December.....	24	.....	10.3	.136	.16	D.
January.....	.....	.....	7.0	.092	.11	D.
February.....	90	.....	31.4	.413	.43	C.
March.....	.....	16	43.6	.574	.66	C.
April.....	652	28	150	1.97	2.20	B.
May.....	567	23	107	1.41	1.63	B.
June.....	170	16	47.8	.629	.70	B.
July.....	68	12	18.8	.247	.28	B.
August.....	170	12	34.9	.459	.53	B.
September.....	67	11	15.5	.204	.23	B.
The year.....	652	.....	42.1	.554	7.52	

#### EAU CLAIRE RIVER AT KELLY, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 13, T. 23 N., R. 8 E., Marathon County, at highway bridge three-fourths mile below Kelly, about a mile above mouth of Big Sandy Creek, which enters from the right, and  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles above mouth of river.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—326 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January 1, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to downstream side of highway bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by J. J. Duginski.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge at medium and high stages; by wading below bridge at low stages.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Heavy gravel and rock; gage is in the rapids which form the control; banks medium high and will not overflow.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 3.0 feet May 22 (discharge, 1,120 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.45 foot, October 2 and 3 (discharge, approximately 40 second-feet).

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 4.7 feet at 5 p. m. June 4, 1914; (discharge, approximately 2,360 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.45 foot August 13, 14, and 15, 1914, and October 2 and 3, 1915 (discharge, approximately 40 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected somewhat by ice, though not to such an extent as other streams in this region; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Immediately above the gage is a dam which was formerly used to create a pond at a mill but is now used for floating logs; during a few days in the spring the manipulation of the gates in this dam causes sudden fluctuations at the gage; at other times the flow is natural.

**ACCURACY.**—Curve well developed; control and channel permanent; no diurnal fluctuation; records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Eau Claire River at Kelly, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 15	G. H. Canfield.....	1.35	225	Mar. 9 <sup>b</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	.80	86
Jan. 5 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	.90	68	June 29	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.04	141
Feb. 7 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.11	70				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover below gage.

<sup>b</sup> Made by wading, control practically clear of ice.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Eau Claire River at Kelly, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	44	60	210				129	182	267	224	a 137	85
2.....	43	58	a 196				155	210	224	204	145	82
3.....	41	63	182				182	300	210	182	177	74
4.....	a 67	68	a 156				a 201	390	182	160	216	71
5.....	93	64	129			90	320	300	155	155	238	a 71
6.....	84	60	a 126				738	300	a 211	155	499	71
7.....	93	63	124				800	443	267	134	443	71
8.....	106	60	a 114	65	70	71	925	738	267	129	416	70
9.....	129	63	104			85	990	617	238	109	365	65
10.....	168	63	100			82	990	557	129	104	284	64
11.....	182	58	a 89			85	a 990	390	300	116	196	64
12.....	210	64	78			89	990	390	340	109	168	a 85
13.....	196	70	a 74			94	862	340	365	104	116	106
14.....	196	93	71			a 102	677	390	320	96	94	134
15.....	224		72			109	617	267	267	104	a 90	134
16.....	210		72			104	557	300	238	129	85	158
17.....	182		a 70			100	557	499	210	142	134	155
18.....	182	90	68			100	a 557	557	238	155	116	155
19.....	155		a 66			100	557	528	238	155	89	a 144
20.....	129					100	617	499	284	145	85	134
21.....	124					a 100	557	800	267	155	85	129
22.....	109	a 90				100	340	1,120	182	155	a 85	109
23.....	100	89				100	390	1,060	196	155	85	87
24.....	84	a 91		60	110	100	471	925	182	155	85	85
25.....	a 78	93	65			300	738	677	155	a 158	85	85
26.....	71	a 100				300	677	499	129	160	85	a 86
27.....	65	106				267	499	443	a 129	171	85	87
28.....	64	a 112				a 218	471	267	129	182	85	85
29.....	60	119				168	443	267	155	196	a 85	82
30.....	60	a 164				168	182	267	182	160	85	78
31.....	58					155	.....	267	.....	129	85	.....

<sup>a</sup> Interpolated.

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined between 71 and 1,460 second-feet.

Nov. 15–21 and Dec. 20 to Mar. 7, estimated because of ice from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for periods included.

*Monthly discharge of Eau Claire River at Kelly, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 326 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	224	41	116	0.356	0.41	A.
November.....		58	83.4	.256	.29	B.
December.....	210		92.9	.285	.33	C.
January.....			62.4	.191	.22	D.
February.....			88.6	.272	.28	D.
March.....	300	71	123	.377	.43	C.
April.....	990	129	573	1.76	1.96	A.
May.....	1,120	182	477	1.46	1.68	A.
June.....	365	129	222	.681	.76	A.
July.....	224	96	148	.454	.52	B.
August.....	499	85	162	.497	.57	B.
September.....	155	64	96.9	.297	.33	B.
The year.....	1,120		187	.574	7.78	

## BIG EAU PLEINE RIVER NEAR STRATFORD, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 13, T. 27 N., R. 3 E., Marathon County, at highway bridge at a place locally known as Weber Farm, about 2 miles north of Stratford, about 1 mile above the Chicago & North Western Railway bridge. Dill Creek enters from the right about 5 miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—223 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 24, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Sloping gage reading from 1.0 to 15.6 feet, on right bank of the river and vertical staff gage, reading from 15 to 18 feet at upper end of sloping gage; gage read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by Christian Weber.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At low stages made by wading about 1,000 feet below gage; at medium and high stages made either from a highway bridge or from the Chicago & North Western Railway bridge, both below the gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Very heavy gravel and rock; control at head of rapids 400 feet below gage. Both banks at gage are high and will overflow only at stage about 15 feet and above.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—July 29, 1914, to September 30, 1915: Maximum stage recorded, when control was unobstructed, 6.9 feet at 6 p. m. May 21, 1914 (discharge approximately 3,250 second-feet); minimum discharge, 3.0 second-feet, recorded by measurement made February 5, 1915. The June flood of 1914 reached a maximum stage of 20.7 feet, as determined by levels run to high-water marks, July 23, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—No dams are now in operation above the station.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined over range covered by gage heights; control permanent; open-water records apparently excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Big Eau Pleine River near Stratford, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 11	H. C. Beckman.....	1.88	26	Apr. 9 <sup>c</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	5.22	1,490
Dec. 29 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.50	3.4	13	.....do.....	3.93	677
Feb. 5 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	1.90	3.0	June 30	W. G. Hoyt.....	2.65	186
Mar. 8 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.15	19	Sept. 8	H. T. Critchlow.....	1.66	11.0
Apr. 1 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	2.95	127	8	.....do.....	1.66	9.4

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Made through complete ice cover; channel nearly open at control.

<sup>c</sup> Logs on control; estimated backwater, 0.10 foot.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Big Eau Pleine River near Stratford, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.				1914.				1914.			
1.....		20	146	11.....		13	76	21.....		56	122
2.....		20	87	12.....		12	110	22.....		36	134
3.....		16	98	13.....		12	76	23.....		36	197
4.....		14	66	14.....		13	382	24.....	20	171	158
5.....		13	56	15.....		10	720	25.....	20	87	122
6.....		10	56	16.....		10	518	26.....	19	56	98
7.....		10	47	17.....		10	566	27.....	22	30	76
8.....		10	36	18.....		76	616	28.....	30	24	56
9.....		9	30	19.....		146	280	29.....	36	24	47
10.....		12	30	20.....		87	171	30.....	30	22	38
								31.....	26	28	

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.												
1.....	33	33						80	45	80	28	16
2.....	30	30						72	38	56	72	16
3.....	28	33						146	32	32	83	16
4.....	24	38						230	28	28	447	16
5.....	24	38						197	26	26	970	13
6.....	22	33	22	3	3	31	1,360	151	117	22	668	13
7.....	14	33						424	238	26	470	12
8.....	470	28						591	184	22	344	10
9.....	238	28						382	127	22	213	10
10.....	176	28						280	127	20	141	10
11.....	382	28						1,570	252	591	20	94
12.....	295	28						970	171	363	18	68
13.....	970	33						694	141	266	14	42
14.....	720	33						518	127	184	14	36
15.....	403	42						424	117	127	45	28
16.....	280		9	3	10	24		403	424	94	127	205
17.....	210							344	720	60	94	94
18.....	166	28						310	566	103	66	38
19.....	146							280	382	382	45	28
20.....	110							266	447	518	42	22
21.....	94							230	2,240	344	38	20
22.....	76							184	2,060	230	51	19
23.....	66							184	1,040	166	51	16
24.....	60							210	542	94	42	16
25.....	56							192	403	66	38	13
26.....	56	26	4	3	52	220		166	266	51	30	13
27.....	47							141	151	38	42	13
28.....	42							134	117	32	60	12
29.....	38							127	94	171	72	16
30.....	38							103	72	171	45	16
31.....	36								60		30	16

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined between 9 and and 1,500 second-feet; above 1,500 second-feet the rating curve is only an extension. Discharge Nov. 15 to Apr. 10, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Big Eau Pleine River near Stratford, Wis., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

[Drainage area, 223 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
July 24-31.....	36	19	25.4	0.114	0.03	A.
August.....	171	9	35.3	.158	.18	A.
September.....	720	30	174	.780	.87	A.
1914-15.						
October.....	970	14	173	.776	.89	A.
November.....			29.5	.132	.15	B.
December.....			11.4	.051	.06	C.
January.....			3.00	.013	.01	D.
February.....			19.5	.087	.09	C.
March.....			95.8	.430	.50	C.
April.....		103	702	3.15	3.51	C.
May.....	2,240	60	418	1.87	2.16	B.
June.....	591	26	167	.749	.84	A.
July.....	127	14	42.5	.191	.22	A.
August.....	970	12	137	.614	.71	A.
September.....	112	10	26.9	.121	.14	A.
The year.....	2,240		152	.682	9.28	

#### PLOVER RIVER NEAR STEVENS POINT, WIS.

LOCATION.—In sec. 30, T. 25 N., R. 9 E., Portage County, at Fast Waters highway bridge, 7 miles above mouth of river.

DRAINAGE AREA.—136 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—January 5, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Metal vertical staff gage bolted to the left abutment, downstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by C. A. Van Order.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge to which gage is attached.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Heavy gravel and small rock; permanent and free from vegetation. At high stages both banks will overflow around the bridge. Control not well defined, but is probably small rapids below gage.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 2.65 feet at 7.30 p. m. April 10 (discharge, 480 second-feet), minimum recorded discharge, 84 second feet, by measurement made February 5; absolute minimum for the winter period probably was somewhat less.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 4.75 feet, June 5, 1914 (discharge, approximately 1,570 second-feet); minimum recorded discharge 84 second-feet (measurement made February 5, 1915).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

REGULATION.—Two dams are used in connection with grist mills above the station, but the plants have little pondage so that the flow at the gage, except for brief periods, is nearly natural.

ACCURACY.—Rating curve well defined over range in stage covered by gage heights; channel permanent; little diurnal fluctuation; open-water records excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Plover River near Stevens Point, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Jan. 2 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	2.18	127	Mar. 6 <sup>b</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.35	91
Feb. 2 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	1.72	94	June 28	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.17	130
Feb. 5 <sup>a</sup>	do.....	2.20	84				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Ice arched over water surface at gage section.

*Daily discharge, in second feet, of Plover River near Stevens Point, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	153	144	163	80	80	115	173	173	144	134	125	100
2.....	153	153	163				153	163	144	134	144	100
3.....	153	153	173				173	184	134	116	144	100
4.....	153	153	163				194	184	134	116	144	108
5.....	153	144	153				262	184	134	125	153	108
6.....	163	134	144	70	100	140	332	184	153	125	153	92
7.....	153	134	153				357	194	163	125	144	89
8.....	173	144	134				357	228	153	125	144	89
9.....	173	153	153				410	216	144	125	134	89
10.....	173	144	134				466	205	153	116	108	93
11.....	173	144	116	60	95	178	466	194	173	125	100	97
12.....	184	144	116				410	205	173	125	100	108
13.....	239	144					383	173	173	89	108	153
14.....	194	153					357	173	163	89	100	144
15.....	194	163					332	163	144	108	134	144
16.....	194	173	115	60	95	178	332	205	153	144	134	144
17.....	163	153					308	239	134	125	134	144
18.....	173						274	228	153	134	125	144
19.....	184						239	228	163	134	116	144
20.....	163						228	262	173	116	100	134
21.....	144	130		60	95	178	239	308	163	125	108	116
22.....	153						216	308	173	116	93	108
23.....	144						216	308	153	116	100	100
24.....	153						216	296	144	116	116	97
25.....	144	100					216	285	125	116	100	93
26.....	153	134	100	60	95	178	216	239	134	134	86	116
27.....	153	134					184	216	184	125	100	108
28.....	153	134					194	216	184	134	125	108
29.....	144	144					189	194	173	134	134	100
30.....	144	144					184	173	173	134	116	116
31.....	144						178		163	134	100	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined between 116 and 1,370 second-feet. Discharge Mar. 29 and 31 interpolated; Nov. 18-24 and Dec. 13 to Mar. 26 estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.



*Monthly discharge of Plover River near Stevens Point, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 136 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	239	144	164	1.21	1.40	A.
November.....	173		141	1.04	1.16	A.
December.....	173		122	.897	1.03	C.
January.....			69.7	.512	.59	D.
February.....			91.4	.672	.70	D.
March.....	194		135	.993	1.14	C.
April.....	466	153	277	2.04	2.28	A.
May.....	308	163	213	1.57	1.81	A.
June.....	173	125	149	1.10	1.23	A.
July.....	144	89	122	.897	1.03	A.
August.....	153	86	118	.868	1.00	A.
September.....	153	89	112	.824	.92	A.
The year.....	466		143	1.05	14.29	

#### BARABOO RIVER NEAR BARABOO, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 33, T. 12 N., R. 7 E., Sauk County, at highway bridge 4 miles downstream from Baraboo, about 3 miles below creek rising near Devils Lake, coming in from the right, and 15 miles above mouth of river.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—572 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 18, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage, attached to upstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to hundredths, by G. C. Johnson.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of highway bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel composed of sand and mud; no well-defined control, water is confined to one channel at all stages and does not overflow the banks except at extreme flood stages.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 10.2 feet at 5.30 p. m. September 17, 1915 (discharge, 2,180 second-feet); minimum discharge, 122 second-feet, recorded by measurement made January 12. Absolute minimum for year occurred last part of December and was probably somewhat less.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded 10.2 feet at 5.30 p. m. September 17, 1915 (discharge, 2,180 second-feet). Minimum stage recorded, 0.95 foot at 6.15 a. m. August 18, 1914 (discharge, 108 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—In the vicinity of Baraboo, 4 miles above the station, there are four dams, and one at Reedsburg, 18 miles above the station. Smaller plants are also operated on the tributaries. The operation of these various plants causes diurnal fluctuation at the gage of about 0.3 feet at low-water stages. Estimates of mean monthly discharge probably represent nearly the natural flow.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve fairly well developed between stages of 1.5 and 6.0 feet; estimates of daily discharge based on gage heights outside these limits may be in error from 10 to 20 per cent, and the diurnal fluctuation at low stages may introduce considerable error in the estimates of daily discharge for such period.

*Discharge measurements of Baraboo River near Baraboo, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
Nov. 5	M. F. Rather.....	<i>Feet.</i> 1.60	<i>Sec. ft.</i> 166	Feb. 18 <sup>b</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	<i>Feet.</i> 8.62	880
Nov. 5	.....do.....	1.65	175	Mar. 1 <sup>c</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	7.21	732
Jan. 12 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	2.10	122	Apr. 30	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.92	219

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

<sup>b</sup> Open water at gage; partial ice cover and brush on banks, and ice below gage.

<sup>c</sup> Open water at gage; ice jam one-fourth mile below gage.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Baraboo River near Baraboo, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.		
1.....	178	188	178	115	225	360	551	190	274	159	449	198		
2.....	186	179	174				535	187	246	162	449	179		
3.....	162	196	200				551	226	232	155	710	175		
4.....	163	192	196				625	246	220	149	625	165		
5.....	136	190	184				732	232	204	146	646	153		
6.....	164	182	167	250	565	925	1,010	232	194	141	551	155		
7.....	179	186	189				1,220	253	188	142	477	169		
8.....	193	171	177				1,370	267	206	203	625	170		
9.....	274	173	182				1,460	295	213	195	365	221		
10.....	667	161	174				1,520	309	203	192	288	226		
11.....	407	179	184				323	1,310	267	208	253	351		
12.....	288	175	177				421	1,100	226	195	181	239		
13.....	365	175	160				520	950	200	226	192	239		
14.....	477	163	140				802	755	198	213	200	288	1,550	
15.....	463	173					900	605	195	260	186	274	1,850	
16.....	477	226					925	463	198	232	165	551	2,000	
17.....	463	232					1,010	393	203	195	156	1,040	2,140	
18.....	421	140					1,040	365	220	198	165	1,160	1,940	
19.....	288						1,070	344	212	200	159	925	1,610	
20.....	260						1,010	309	393	195	177	535	1,460	
21.....	246	140	110	190	1,340	1,130	288	850	195	187	309	1,400		
22.....	232					1,130	274	1,010	213	167	220	1,130		
23.....	226					1,250	260	1,010	200	184	190	875		
24.....	213					1,430	239	900	203	167	220	520		
25.....	173					1,790	220	710	208	152	226	407		
26.....	198	136	110	190	1,340	2,060	220	477	195	144	209	463		
27.....	205	153				1,940	226	421	176	196	195	568		
28.....	226	188				1,880	203	393	155	535	167	568		
29.....	190	172				1,400	210	379	170	778	163	520		
30.....	190	172				1,040	198	337	170	875	153	435		
31.....	190	.....				.....	.....	802	.....	302	.....	802	175	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve fairly well defined between 188 and 826 second-feet; above 826 second-feet approximate only, based on extension of the area and mean velocity curves. Discharge Nov. 18–25, and Dec. 14 to Mar. 10, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period indicated.

*Monthly discharge of Baraboo River near Baraboo, Wis., for the year ending Sept 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 572 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	667	136	274	0.479	0.55	A.
November.....	232		169	.295	.33	B.
December.....	200		146	.255	.29	C.
January.....			185	.323	.37	D.
February.....			665	1.16	1.21	D.
March.....	2,060		886	1.55	1.79	C.
April.....	1,520	198	617	1.08	1.20	B.
May.....	1,010	187	372	.650	.75	B.
June.....	274	155	206	.360	.40	B.
July.....	875	141	246	.430	.50	B.
August.....	1,160	153	417	.729	.84	B.
September.....	2,140	153	804	1.41	1.57	B.
The year.....	2,140		413	.722	9.80	

#### KICKAPOO RIVER AT GAYS MILLS, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 28, T. 10 N., R. 4 W., at highway bridge immediately below the Norwood Mill, in the town of Kickapoo, Crawford County, about 25 miles above mouth of the river and 2 miles below the mouth of Tainter Creek, which enters from the right.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—629 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 25, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to downstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by N. T. Norwood.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge at medium and high-water stages; low water measurements made by wading a short distance downstream from gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel composed of rock covered by a deposit of sand; banks at gage section fairly high and do not overflow at ordinary high-water stages. Control at the head of small rapids about 300 feet below gage, fairly permanent; the plotting of the discharge measurements indicates that at a stage of about 2 feet on the gage the control is changed to some point below, causing a reversal in rating curve.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 6.85 feet at 5.20 a. m. July 30, 1915 (discharge, 1,880 second-feet); minimum open-water stage recorded, 0.86 foot at 8 a. m. November 29 (discharge, 201 second-feet). Absolute minimum was approximately 100 second-feet and occurred during the last part of January, 1915.<sup>1</sup>

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Mills at Gays Mills immediately above the station, Soldiers Grove, about 7 miles upstream, and at several points above Soldiers Grove, use comparatively little storage, so that the recorded flow past the station represents nearly natural conditions. During low stages a small diurnal fluctuation is observed at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve fairly well defined; little fluctuation; records believed good. See footnote to table of daily discharge.

<sup>1</sup> The flow of 154 second-feet for August 15, 1914, as published in Water-Supply Paper 385, is in error. See footnote to table of daily discharge.

*Discharge measurements of Kickapoo River at Gays Mills, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Jan. 14 <sup>a</sup>	H. C. Beckman.....	1.65	241	Apr. 27	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.21	309
Feb. 17 <sup>b</sup>	M. F. Rather.....	4.10	584	July 15	M. F. Rather.....	1.02	234
Mar. 17 <sup>a</sup>	.....do.....	2.24	513				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover; partial ice cover at control.

<sup>b</sup> Complete ice cover at control.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kickapoo River at Gays Mills, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	251	251	251	300	300	290	450	265	295	237	670	251
2.....	251	251	251				460	251	265	265	1,060	265
3.....	232	251	251				500	295	280	251	1,100	265
4.....	251	237	251				470	325	265	251	670	265
5.....	237	251	251				575	340	251	251	527	237
6.....	265	232	251	325	585	325	670	295	251	265	527	265
7.....	355	251	232				1,000	325	295	295	500	265
8.....	355	237	251				1,030	368	265	450	450	265
9.....	430	237	251				620	368	237	460	450	545
10.....	368	237	237				575	310	251	310	380	522
11.....	325	251	251	325	585	325	380	560	310	295	280	510
12.....	325	251	280				418	527	265	295	325	368
13.....	355	251	203				518	525	265	380	265	545
14.....	450	265	380				545	510	251	380	265	971
15.....	485	237					522	470	251	295	325	1,100
16.....	405	237	205	155	960	1,060	470	430	265	251	325	850
17.....	355	237					518	405	251	251	522	1,030
18.....	325	224					532	405	280	265	340	1,160
19.....	310	216					522	368	280	310	295	850
20.....	295	221					522	355	325	355	295	1,030
21.....	295	206	230	155	960	1,060	500	325	478	325	295	1,100
22.....	280	221					485	325	525	295	265	910
23.....	280	237					500	325	500	280	251	510
24.....	280	237					730	325	380	265	251	478
25.....	265	237					1,060	310	355	265	237	470
26.....	265	237	230	155	960	1,060	1,160	295	355	265	237	485
27.....	265	265					575	295	368	251	237	522
28.....	265	251					522	310	325	265	790	518
29.....	280	201					522	295	355	251	1,510	470
30.....	265	280					478	295	355	237	1,760	460
31.....	251						450		325		545	265

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve fairly well defined between 211 and 1,340 second-feet. Nov. 1, interpolated. Dec. 15 to Mar. 9, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

Estimates of discharge for August and September, 1914, as published in Water-Supply Paper 385 and Report by Railroad Commission of Wisconsin to the legislature, 1914, were based on measurement made Aug. 21, 1914, which indicated a change in the discharge relation as expressed by the rating curve used before and after this period. Measurements made during 1915 indicate that the control is fairly permanent and that the measurement made in August, 1914, was in error. Revised estimates for August and September, 1914, are given in the table of monthly discharge.

*Monthly discharge of Kickapoo River at Gays Mills, Wis., for the period Aug. 1, 1914, to Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 629 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August.....	470	206	258	0.410	0.47	C.
September.....	730	237	348	.553	.62	B.
1914-15.						
October.....	485	232	310	.493	.57	B.
November.....	280	201	240	.382	.43	B.
December.....	380		237	.377	.43	C.
January.....			257	.409	.47	D.
February.....			590	.938	.98	D.
March.....	1,160		479	.762	.88	C.
April.....	1,030	295	467	.742	.83	B.
May.....	525	251	329	.523	.60	B.
June.....	380	237	281	.447	.50	B.
July.....	1,760	237	393	.625	.72	B.
August.....	1,100	265	421	.669	.77	B.
September.....	1,160	237	583	.927	1.03	B.
The year.....	1,760		380	.604	8.21	

NOTE.—Estimates for August and September, 1914, superseded the figures published in Water-Supply Paper 385 and Report by Railroad Commission of Wisconsin to the legislature, 1914. See footnote to table of daily discharge.

#### TURKEY RIVER AT GARBER, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At single span highway bridge at Garber, Clayton County, about 800 feet above mouth of Wayne Creek, which enters from the right.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,530 square miles (revised by measurement on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—August 29, 1913, to September 30, 1915, except October 1, 1914, to March 30, 1915, when the station was temporarily discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to handrail on downstream side of bridge; read once daily by E. J. Prolow.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the bridge, and at low water by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Control consists of sand and mud; channel shifting. The right bank is high and will not overflow. The left bank will overflow only at extreme high stage or at gage height approximately 21 feet.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 14.3 feet at 6 p. m. Aug. 4; minimum stage recorded, 3.8 feet April 27. The highest stage within the last 20 years probably occurred May 18, 1902, when a stage representing about 23.7 feet referred to gage datum was reached, as indicated by the high-water marks on A. F. Grafe's residence in Garber.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice; observations discontinued.

**REGULATION.**—An electric light plant and gristmill at Elkader probably cause a slight daily fluctuation.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Discharge measurements of Turkey River at Garber, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by C. Herlofson.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
Mar. 31.....	Feet. 5.89	Sec.-ft. 1,890
Sept. 8.....	3.96	506

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Turkey River at Garber, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		5.6	4.1	7.5	5.0	9.2	4.0	16.....		4.6	4.1	5.0	4.6	5.0	5.9
2.....		5.4	4.3	6.5	4.6	12.9	4.0	17.....		4.5	3.95	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.6
3.....		5.4	5.0	5.8	7.4	12.9	3.95	18.....		4.4	3.95	5.7	6.2	4.8	4.8
4.....		5.2	7.0	5.4	4.6	14.3	3.95	19.....		4.4	4.0	5.2	6.2	4.6	4.4
5.....		5.7	5.9	5.1	4.8	12.4	3.95	20.....		4.3	4.2	5.0	6.0	4.5	5.1
6.....								21.....		4.1	4.9	5.2	5.4	4.4	4.7
7.....		6.1	5.8	5.0	4.6	8.2	3.95	22.....		4.1	5.2	5.1	5.3	4.4	4.4
8.....		6.2	5.6	4.9	4.4	7.0	3.95	23.....		4.0	5.4	4.1	6.4	4.4	4.3
9.....		6.0	5.9	4.6	5.0	6.3	4.0	24.....		4.0	5.4	4.4	6.5	4.3	4.2
10.....		5.6	5.2	4.6	5.6	5.7	4.1	25.....		3.9	7.9	4.4	8.6	4.3	4.1
		5.6	4.9	4.6	5.0	5.5	4.0								
11.....		5.6	4.6	4.5	5.0	5.3	4.0	26.....		3.85	7.8	4.2	7.7	4.2	8.8
12.....		5.4	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.0	4.0	27.....		3.8	5.8	4.6	6.4	4.2	6.7
13.....		5.1	4.3	5.4	4.4	4.8	5.8	28.....		3.95	5.8	4.8	5.0	4.1	6.1
14.....		4.9	4.2	5.2	4.6	5.4	5.0	29.....		4.2	9.6	4.8	4.8	4.1	5.1
15.....		4.7	4.2	4.8	4.6	5.3	4.8	30.....		4.2	10.8	4.8	5.2	4.1	4.8
								31.....	5.9		9.1		9.2	4.0	

**MAQUOKETA RIVER BELOW NORTH FORK OF MAQUOKETA RIVER, NEAR MAQUOKETA, IOWA.**

**LOCATION.**—In the southwest corner of the NE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 17, T. 84 N., R. 3 E., at the Bridgeport bridge, about 3 miles northeast of Maquoketa, Jackson County; about 1,200 feet above mouth of Mill Creek, which enters from the right, and about 2 miles below the mouth of North Fork of Maquoketa River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,600 square miles, revised by measurement on United States Geological Survey map of scale, 1 to 500,000. Drainage area at mouth, 1,960 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—September 1, 1913, to September 30, 1915, except October, 1914, to March 20, 1915, when station was temporarily discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream handrail of bridge 100 feet from right abutment; read once daily by John Strodthoff.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream sandy and shifting. Two channels at all stages except above 12-foot stage above which there is overflow under pile-trestle approach on the left side.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 19.4 feet at 7 a. m. September 28 (discharge, 16,200 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.0 feet June 8 (discharge, 325 second-feet.)

Prior to 1915: Maximum stage about 23.5 feet, probably in 1905 (discharge, approximately 25,000 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; observations discontinued.

**DIVERSIONS.**—None.

**REGULATION.**—None.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered good.

*Discharge measurements of Maquoketa River below North Fork of Maquoketa River, near Maquoketa, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
une 15	W. G. Hoyt.....	<i>Feet.</i> 4.42	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 1,430	Sept. 28	C. Herlofson.....	<i>Feet.</i> 18.50	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 14,500
15	.....do.....	4.42	1,410	29	.....do.....	11.93	6,510
Sept. 9	C. Herlofson.....	2.51	494				

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Maquoketa River below North Fork of Maquoketa River, near Maquoketa, Iowa, for the periods Mar. 12 to Sept. 30, 1914, and Mar. 21 to Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
<b>1914.</b>							
1.....		764	407	477	561	327	1,540
2.....		764	407	440	477	327	1,310
3.....		712	407	477	477	320	764
4.....		660	1,770	440	440	320	517
5.....		561	1,140	7,530	407	320	440
6.....		561	660	3,370	407	334	6,280
7.....		517	609	2,700	366	320	764
8.....		517	517	1,260	378	320	561
9.....		477	477	1,090	366	314	440
10.....		477	440	980	366	<sup>a</sup> 311	407
11.....		477	1,090	817	<sup>a</sup> 366	308	407
12.....		980	477	1,310 <sup>a</sup>	817	366	407
13.....		517	440	1,090	660	353	392
14.....		517	440	817	817	353	3,160
15.....		517	440	660	764	353	11,200
16.....		517	440	561	660	334	9,580
17.....		477	424	477	609	477	334
18.....		440	407	<sup>a</sup> 458	609	407	2,570
19.....		424	407	440	561	366	2,900
20.....		407	407	407	517	344	609
21.....		407	407	407	517	334	407
22.....	<sup>a</sup> 400	407	440	660	334	353	<sup>a</sup> 952
23.....		392	378	407	712	334	344
24.....		392	378	407	660	344	334
25.....		407	392	407	1,040	353	327
26.....		817	378	609	1,040	334	320
27.....		660	392	609	871	320	314
28.....		477	392	2,260	925	440	314
29.....		561	407	980	817	353	314
30.....		660	407	609	609	334	308
31.....		817		517		330	314
<b>1915.</b>							
1.....		602	402	2,070	582	783	435
2.....		602	418	1,480	561	2,830	435
3.....		602	602	1,200	487	2,900	418
4.....		602	602	<sup>a</sup> 1,040	452	1,830	418
5.....		602	523	880	487	1,770	<sup>a</sup> 432
6.....		602	561	370	487	1,830	<sup>a</sup> 446
7.....		602	602	385	1,040	1,480	<sup>a</sup> 460
8.....		602	561	325	1,420	1,200	<sup>a</sup> 473
9.....		602	602	645	1,310	1,040	487
10.....		602	561	645	1,040	880	1,000
11.....		561	523	831	1,040	783	880
12.....		561	487	4,000	783	690	645
13.....		561	470	7,260	690	690	561
14.....		561	385	2,380	645	690	930
15.....		523	<sup>a</sup> 410	1,480	1,090	1,090	831
16.....		523	435	1,260	831	831	690
17.....		523	418	1,040	1,710	1,710	1,830
18.....		<sup>a</sup> 505	402	982	1,600	690	2,010
19.....		487	402	1,650	1,830	<sup>a</sup> 646	982
20.....		487	435	1,140	1,260	602	783
21.....	1,140	470	690	1,040	982	561	783
22.....	1,040	470	831	930	831	561	736
23.....	880	470	736	831	783	523	690
24.....	880	452	690	783	690	523	645
25.....	880	435	1,480	736	645	523	602
26.....	<sup>a</sup> 856	435	1,950	690	602	487	5,530
27.....	831	435	1,480	645	602	487	9,130
28.....	<sup>a</sup> 807	435	1,600	690	645	470	13,800
29.....	783	418	1,890	602	1,420	487	7,720
30.....	690	402	1,950	602	1,040	452	3,230
31.....	690		2,190		880	418	

<sup>a</sup> Interpolated.

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a well-defined rating curve. Discharge June 12 and Sept. 10, 1915, estimated from discharge at near-by gaging stations. Estimates of discharge in the above table for Mar. 12 to Sept. 30, 1914, differ above 660 second-feet from those published in Water-Supply Paper 385 because of a revision of the rating curve based upon high-water discharge measurements made in 1915.

*Monthly discharge of Maquoketa River below North Fork of Maquoketa River, near Maquoketa, Iowa, for the periods Mar. 12 to Sept. 30, 1914, and Mar. 21 to Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,600 square miles. *a*]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
March 12-31.....	980	392	539	0.337	0.25	B.
April.....	764	378	477	.298	.33	B.
May.....	2,260	407	703	.439	.51	A.
June.....	7,530	440	1,110	.694	.77	A.
July.....	561	320	380	.238	.27	B.
August.....	2,900	308	415	.259	.30	B.
September.....	11,200	392	1,740	1.09	1.22	B.
1915.						
March 21-31.....	1,140	690	862	.539	.22	A.
April.....	602	402	524	.328	.37	A.
May.....	2,190	385	816	.510	.59	A.
June.....	7,260	325	1,290	.806	.90	B.
July.....	1,830	452	918	.574	.66	A.
August.....	2,900	418	982	.614	.71	A.
September.....	13,800	418	1,930	1.21	1.35	B.

*a* Revised measurement.

NOTE.—Estimates of monthly discharge, March to September, 1914, supersede those published in Water-Supply Paper 385. See footnote to table of daily discharge.

#### ROCK RIVER AT AFTON, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—On the line between secs. 22 and 27, T. 2 N., R. 12 E., at highway bridge in the town of Afton, Rock County, about 9 miles above Illinois State line. Bass Creek enters from the right about three-fourths mile below station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—3,190 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—February 5, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage fastened to the downstream side of bridge; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by Albert Engelke.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from the downstream side of bridge during medium and high stages; at low stages by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Both banks medium high and will not overflow to any extent at flood stages; channel, gravel and clean silt, practically permanent; no well defined control section.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 9.88 feet at 4 p. m., September 13 (discharge, 10,300 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods 1.41 feet July 29 and 30 (discharge 828 second-feet). A flow of 746 second-feet was measured by current meter on January 8; the absolute minimum was probably about 620 second-feet.

1914-1915: Maximum discharge recorded 9.88 feet at 4 p. m. September 13, 1915 (discharge, 10,300 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.5 foot at 7 a. m. August 16, 1914 (discharge, approximately 459 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow determined from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Operation of power plants at Janesville and above causes fluctuations at the gage during low stages.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined; channel permanent; gage-height record good; results good.



*Discharge measurements of Rock River at Afton, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec. ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec. ft.</i>
Jan. 8 <sup>a</sup>	W. G. Hoyt.....	2.36	746	July 21	M. F. Rather.....	1.86	1,030
Feb. 18	G. H. Canfield.....	4.80	3,450	Sept. 13	C. P. Gross.....	9.83	10,300
Feb. 28	W. G. Hoyt.....	7.23	6,610	15	W. G. Hoyt.....	7.24	6,540
Apr. 23	.....do.....	3.40	2,080				

<sup>a</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Rock River at Afton, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	2,310	2,060	911	705	1,090	6,630	3,920	1,430	3,240	1,270	921	1,300
2.....	2,060	2,060	948			6,770	3,800	1,270	3,240	1,210	2,400	1,180
3.....	1,980	2,140	1,100			6,910	3,560	1,460	3,140	942	3,140	1,240
4.....	1,670	2,060	1,180			7,050	3,340	1,380	3,140	921	2,850	1,150
5.....	1,670	1,900	1,060			7,190	3,450	1,270	2,940	871	2,850	1,140
6.....	1,740	1,740	1,060			6,910	3,240	1,270	2,760	942	3,240	1,120
7.....	1,460	1,670	1,140			6,630	3,140	1,270	2,760	953	3,560	1,150
8.....	1,430	1,460				6,490	3,040	1,040	2,400	1,160	3,800	1,130
9.....	1,360	1,430				6,210	2,850	1,100	2,310	1,120	4,040	1,560
10.....	1,140	1,530				6,070	2,760	1,330	2,220	871	4,040	1,460
11.....	969	1,500	910			5,810	2,580	1,300	2,140	866	4,040	1,330
12.....	1,040	1,430				5,810	2,850	1,140	2,060	953	4,040	1,300
13.....	1,270	1,400				5,810	2,760	1,210	1,980	969	3,680	8,910
14.....	1,670	1,300				5,680	2,670	1,270	2,060	948	3,450	7,620
15.....	1,640	1,210				5,940	2,670	1,300	1,980	996	3,240	6,490
16.....	1,740	1,100		790		5,940	2,580	1,150	1,820	1,020	3,240	6,630
17.....	1,900	1,040				5,940	2,580	1,210	1,820	942	3,040	6,910
18.....	1,980	1,020				3,450	5,940	2,400	1,270	1,900	942	2,670
19.....	2,220					3,680	5,810	2,400	1,330	1,740	1,120	2,490
20.....	2,140					3,800	5,680	2,490	1,460	1,820	1,050	2,310
21.....	2,310		750			3,920	5,550	2,490	1,460	1,980	1,010	2,140
22.....	2,400	860				4,520	5,680	2,220	1,140	1,780	1,030	1,980
23.....	2,850					5,160	5,420	2,060	1,460	1,820	1,020	1,900
24.....	2,670					6,350	5,290	1,980	1,820	1,740	847	1,900
25.....	2,670					5,940	5,160	1,780	1,980	1,740	871	1,740
26.....	2,760	896		875		5,940	5,030	1,820	2,490	1,640	996	1,670
27.....	2,670	1,060				6,210	4,770	1,600	2,670	1,460	1,050	1,670
28.....	2,400	1,150				6,490	4,520	1,460	2,760	1,560	980	1,400
29.....	2,400	1,140	723				4,520	1,530	3,240	1,360	828	1,360
30.....	2,310	1,060					4,280	1,430	3,140	1,060	828	1,460
31.....	2,310						4,160		3,040		932	1,270

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a well-defined rating curve; Nov. 19–25 and Dec. 8 to Feb. 16, estimated, because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Rock River at Afton, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 3,190 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	2,850	969	1,970	0.618	0.71	B.
November.....	2,140		1,310	.411	.46	B.
December.....			855	.268	.31	D.
January.....			793	.249	.29	C.
February.....	6,350		2,900	.909	.95	D.
March.....	7,190	4,160	5,790	1.82	2.10	A.
April.....	3,920	1,430	2,580	.809	.90	A.
May.....	3,240	1,040	1,630	.511	.59	B.
June.....	3,240	1,060	2,120	.665	.74	B.
July.....	1,270	828	983	.308	.36	B.
August.....	4,040	921	2,630	.824	.95	A.
September.....	8,910	1,120	4,670	1.46	1.63	A.
The year.....	8,910		2,350	.737	9.99	

## ROCK RIVER AT ROCKFORD, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In the southern part of T. 44 N., R. 1 E., at highway bridge at Nelson Avenue, Rockford, Winnebago County, about 2 miles below mouth of Kent Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—6,520 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 30, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to quarter-tenths prior to March 4, 1915, and to hundredths after that date, by Winston Burrows.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Probably permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 9.3 feet at 9 a. m. September 17 (discharge, 17,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.3 feet at 8 a. m. November 21 (discharge, 1,770 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

**REGULATION.**—The operation of the power plant at dam 2 miles upstream, in the city of Rockford, causes fluctuation at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable; regulation of stream may affect mean daily gage height as obtained from two readings per day.

*Discharge measurements of Rock River at Rockford, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
Mar. 5	William Kessler.....	<i>Feet.</i> 7.75	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 12,800	Sept. 17	G. J. Trinkaus.....	<i>Feet.</i> 9.13	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 16,300
May 6	.....do.....	3.26	2,880	23	William Kessler.....	8.20	14,200
Aug. 6	J. B. Fountain.....	6.23	8,840				

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Rock River at Rockford, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-15.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.				1914.				1914.			
1.....		1,880	2,460	11.....		1,660	1,660	21.....		1,880	13,200
2.....		1,660	2,100	12.....		1,550	1,660	22.....		1,880	11,400
3.....		1,770	3,200	13.....		1,880	1,000	23.....		1,990	10,600
4.....		1,880	2,820	14.....		1,660	1,880	24.....		2,100	7,620
5.....		2,100	1,990	15.....		1,660	6,920	25.....		2,100	5,590
6.....		2,100	1,440	16.....		1,140	12,900	26.....		1,770	5,170
7.....		1,880	1,880	17.....		1,660	14,000	27.....		1,660	4,770
8.....		1,550	1,990	18.....		1,550	13,400	28.....		1,770	4,570
9.....		502	1,880	19.....		1,660	12,900	29.....		1,380	4,380
10.....		1,380	1,880	20.....		1,770	13,200	30.....	2,100	698	4,190
								31.....	1,990	1,880	.....

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.											
1.....	3,820	3,200	2,700	.....	14,500	5,800	2,340	7,620	3,070	2,580	2,460
2.....	3,490	3,340	2,340	.....	14,800	5,800	2,220	6,920	2,820	2,700	2,460
3.....	3,200	3,070	2,100	.....	14,800	5,590	2,580	6,240	2,580	5,170	2,580
4.....	2,940	3,340	2,340	.....	13,400	5,170	2,700	5,590	2,340	7,150	2,580
5.....	2,820	3,070	2,460	.....	12,900	4,970	2,700	5,170	2,220	8,850	2,580
6.....	2,700	3,070	2,700	.....	12,700	4,770	2,700	.....	2,460	8,850	2,580
7.....	2,820	2,940	2,940	.....	10,600	4,570	2,580	.....	2,340	8,850	2,460
8.....	2,820	2,340	2,700	.....	9,100	4,380	2,580	.....	2,820	8,600	2,700
9.....	2,700	2,700	2,580	.....	8,850	4,190	.....	.....	3,820	8,100	2,820
10.....	2,340	2,580	2,580	.....	9,100	4,000	.....	.....	4,380	7,620	3,070
11.....	2,100	2,700	2,580	.....	9,100	4,000	.....	.....	3,650	6,920	3,490
12.....	2,220	2,460	2,460	.....	8,850	4,000	.....	.....	3,490	6,460	4,000
13.....	2,580	2,580	1,880	.....	8,350	4,190	.....	.....	3,200	6,020	5,380
14.....	2,700	2,580	2,220	.....	9,350	4,190	.....	.....	2,940	5,800	12,900
15.....	2,940	2,340	2,580	.....	9,350	4,380	.....	.....	3,200	5,380	15,300
16.....	3,070	2,820	.....	.....	9,350	4,380	.....	.....	3,820	4,970	12,400
17.....	3,340	2,820	.....	.....	9,350	4,380	.....	.....	4,190	4,570	16,700
18.....	3,820	1,990	.....	.....	9,350	4,190	.....	.....	4,000	4,380	15,300
19.....	4,000	1,990	.....	.....	9,100	4,000	.....	.....	4,000	4,190	14,000
20.....	4,380	2,100	.....	.....	8,850	4,190	.....	.....	3,820	3,490	14,000
21.....	4,380	1,770	.....	.....	8,600	4,000	.....	.....	3,340	3,200	14,300
22.....	4,380	1,770	.....	14,000	8,600	3,820	.....	.....	3,070	3,070	14,300
23.....	4,380	1,880	.....	14,300	8,350	3,340	.....	.....	2,940	2,940	14,300
24.....	4,190	2,460	.....	14,300	8,100	2,940	.....	.....	2,700	3,070	14,300
25.....	4,380	2,220	.....	13,700	7,860	2,820	.....	.....	2,460	3,340	14,300
26.....	4,380	2,100	.....	14,500	7,380	2,700	.....	.....	2,580	3,490	14,500
27.....	4,190	1,990	.....	14,500	6,920	2,580	.....	3,340	2,700	3,200	15,100
28.....	4,000	1,990	.....	14,500	6,690	2,820	.....	3,340	2,580	2,940	15,300
29.....	3,820	2,100	.....	.....	6,240	2,460	.....	3,200	2,560	2,700	15,100
30.....	3,490	2,340	.....	.....	6,020	2,340	.....	3,070	2,580	2,580	14,300
31.....	3,340	.....	.....	.....	5,800	.....	.....	.....	2,580	2,460	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted, determined from a rating curve well defined above and fairly well defined below 960 second-feet. Discharge estimated, because of ice, as follows: Dec. 16-31, 2,700 second-feet; Jan. 1-31, 2,700 second-feet; Feb. 1-10, 3,000 second-feet; Feb. 11-21, 8,500 second-feet. Discharge estimated when gage was not read by comparison with records at Lyndon, as follows: May 9-31, 3,500 second-feet; June 6-26, 2,300 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Rock River at Rockford, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-15.*

[Drainage area, 6,520 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August.....	2,100	502	1,680	0.258	0.30	B.
September.....	14,000	1,000	5,750	.882	.98	B.
1914-15.						
October.....	4,380	2,100	3,410	.523	.60	A.
November.....	3,340	1,770	2,490	.382	.43	B.
December.....		1,880	2,590	.397	.46	C.
January.....			2,700	.414	.48	D.
February.....	14,500		7,970	1.22	1.27	D.
March.....	14,800	5,800	9,430	1.45	1.67	A.
April.....	5,800	2,340	4,030	.618	.69	A.
May.....			3,250	.499	.58	D.
June.....			3,090	.474	.53	D.
July.....	4,380	2,220	3,070	.471	.54	A.
August.....	8,850	2,460	4,960	.761	.88	A.
September.....	16,700	2,460	9,520	1.46	1.63	A.
The year.....	16,700		4,680	.718	9.76	

#### ROCK RIVER AT LYNDON, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In center of T. 20 N., R. 5 E., at highway bridge known as Lyndon Bridge, in eastern part of village of Lyndon, Whiteside County; about 10 miles above Rock Creek and 20 miles below dam at Sterling.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—9,010 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—November 24, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to hundredths by John Shepard.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Coarse gravel and rock; probably permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 15.5 feet at 5 p. m. February 15 (discharge not determined because of backwater from ice). Maximum stage recorded during open-water periods, 12.9 feet at 5.40 p. m. February 25 (discharge, 23,200 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.0 feet at 12 m. November 24 (discharge, 1,850 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

**REGULATION.**—Operation of the power plants in the city of Sterling, about 20 miles upstream, may cause a slight fluctuation at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable; records good except during winter.

*Discharge measurements of Rock River at Lyndon, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 23	B. J. Peterson.....	5.08	1,970	May 8	William Kessler.....	5.93	3,190
25	.....do.....	5.18	2,110	Sept. 21	.....do.....	10.87	15,700
Mar. 2	William Kessler.....	11.08	16,300	24	.....do.....	10.83	14,900
May 8	.....do.....	6.12	3,520				

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Rock River at Lyndon, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		2,250		16,600	$\alpha$ 6,630	2,250	10,600	3,800	$\alpha$ 6,630	2,830
2.....		2,390		16,600	6,400	2,390	9,710	4,160	$\alpha$ 7,900	3,140
3.....		2,390		$\alpha$ 16,400	6,170	3,300	7,840	2,530	9,160	3,630
4.....		2,390		16,200	5,520	3,300	6,400	2,530	15,800	3,300
5.....		2,110		15,800	5,730	3,300	6,170	3,300	14,800	2,680
6.....		2,110		14,200	5,520	3,300	5,520	$\alpha$ 3,220	13,200	2,530
7.....		2,250		12,600	$\alpha$ 5,520	$\alpha$ 3,300	5,730	3,140	12,300	$\alpha$ 2,890
8.....		2,390		11,100	5,520	3,140	5,950	5,950	12,300	$\alpha$ 3,250
9.....		2,680		10,600	4,720	3,630	5,950	4,530	13,200	$\alpha$ 3,620
10.....		2,680		$\alpha$ 9,880	5,110	3,630	5,730	4,530	11,400	$\alpha$ 3,980
11.....		2,530		9,160	4,720	3,460	5,110	9,990	8,890	4,340
12.....		2,680		9,430	4,910	2,530	11,100	10,600	9,430	4,340
13.....		2,250		9,990	4,910	3,140	11,700	6,170	9,430	4,720
14.....		3,630		9,710	4,530	2,530	15,200	6,170	7,840	7,340
15.....		5,110		10,600	4,720	2,530	12,000	10,800	7,100	12,900
16.....				10,800	4,530	2,390	10,800	6,860	$\alpha$ 6,980	14,800
17.....				10,600	4,340	4,340	10,800	7,340	6,860	19,400
18.....				$\alpha$ 10,400	3,980	4,340	10,300	6,400	7,100	19,800
19.....				10,300	4,340	4,160	9,160	7,100	5,520	17,600
20.....				9,990	$\alpha$ 4,220	2,980	8,890	5,110	4,530	15,800
21.....				9,160	$\alpha$ 4,100	2,680	9,160	5,730	5,110	15,800
22.....				8,890	3,980	3,630	7,590	4,530	5,310	15,800
23.....			$\alpha$ 18,300	9,430	3,980	4,160	7,100	4,530	4,720	15,800
24.....	1,980		22,100	8,620	3,800	4,160	5,950	4,720	4,340	15,500
25.....	2,390		23,200	$\alpha$ 8,360	3,460	3,800	5,730	4,530	4,530	14,200
26.....	3,300		21,300	8,100	3,140	7,340	5,110	4,340	4,530	13,800
27.....	2,390		19,100	7,840	3,630	5,110	5,110	4,340	3,980	14,800
28.....	2,110		18,300	7,340	$\alpha$ 3,540	6,170	4,160	3,300	3,460	17,600
29.....	2,110			7,590	3,460	$\alpha$ 7,660	4,720	5,950	2,680	18,300
30.....	2,110			7,100	3,140	9,160	3,800	9,990	2,830	18,300
31.....				6,860		12,000		7,340	2,680	.....

$\alpha$  Interpolated.

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve well defined between 1,850 and 19,800 second-feet. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records, as follows: Dec. 16-31, 2,900 second-feet; Jan. 1-31, 2,900 second-feet; Feb. 1-10, 3,400 second-feet; Feb. 11-21, 9,800 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Rock River at Lyndon, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 9,010 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
November 24-30.....	3,300	1,980	2,340	0.260	0.07	B.
December.....		2,110	2,780	.309	.36	C.
January.....			2,900	.322	.37	D.
February.....	23,200		9,950	1.10	1.15	D.
March.....	16,600	6,860	10,700	1.19	1.37	A.
April.....	6,630	3,140	4,610	.512	.57	A.
May.....	12,000	2,250	4,190	.465	.54	A.
June.....	15,200	3,800	7,770	.862	.96	A.
July.....	10,800	2,530	5,600	.622	.72	A.
August.....	15,800	2,680	7,570	.840	.98	A.
September.....	19,800	2,530	10,400	1.15	1.28	A.

#### PECATONICA RIVER AT DILL, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 6., T. 1 N., R. 6 E., at Illinois Central Railroad bridge at Dill (Ramona post office), Green County, 9 miles above the Illinois State line, about a mile below the junction of the east and west branches of Pecatonica River. Skinner Creek enters from the left about a mile below the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—959 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—February 9, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Vertical staff fastened to downstream side of the left abutment; read twice daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths, by W. C. Shadewaldt.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At low and medium stages made from upstream side of highway bridge about 400 feet above the gage; at extremely high stages considerable water overflows to the left of this highway bridge and measurements are made from the railroad bridge to which the gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel, sand and mud; undoubtedly shifting; banks only medium high and overflow at flood stages. All the water passes beneath the railroad bridge to which the gage is fastened. There is little fall in the river below the gage, and no regular control.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 14.6 feet a. m. and p. m., September 14, 1915 (discharge, approximately 6,590 second-feet), minimum discharge 286 second-feet, recorded by discharge measurement made January 7, 1915. An estimated mean discharge of 245 second-feet was made for period January 21 to 31.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—Operation of dams at Argyle, on the East Branch of Pecatonica River, and the Darlington dam, on the West Branch of Pecatonica River, cause little, if any, diurnal fluctuation at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Rating curve well defined over a range in stage covered by low and medium-stage gage heights; upper section of the curve poorly defined. Channel may be shifting; open-water records good at medium stages.

*Discharge measurements of Pecatonica River at Dill, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 28 <sup>a</sup>	G. H. Canfield.....	1.35	327	Mar. 1	W. G. Hoyt.....	3.92	1,280
Jan. 7 <sup>b</sup>	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.71	286	Apr. 22	.....do.....	1.59	455
Feb. 5 <sup>b</sup>	.....do.....	2.36	430	.....do.....	.....do.....	1.59	449
26	H. C. Beckman.....	12.25	5,240	July 19	M. F. Rather.....	2.25	629

<sup>a</sup> Brush in section which may cause backwater.

<sup>b</sup> Made through complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Pecatonica River at Dill, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	400	425	325	290	475	1,320	556	400	772	476	556	400
2.....	400	425				1,080	556	425	625	476	1,400	400
3.....	388	425				1,000	556	556	625	463	1,680	400
4.....	376	425				960	556	590	590	450	1,560	425
5.....	376	425				920	528	502	590	450	1,320	425
6.....	376	412	320	265	905	772	556	450	556	476	920	425
7.....	376	400				809	528	450	556	846	735	438
8.....	425	400				772	528	450	528	1,320	625	502
9.....	425	400				772	528	450	528	920	625	772
10.....	388	400				735	528	438	556	590	625	846
11.....	376	400	320	265	905	846	556	425	1,640	556	590	625
12.....	376	400				1,040	528	400	1,640	515	542	556
13.....	425	400				1,360	528	400	2,060	489	502	2,100
14.....	625	400				1,240	528	400	1,760	515	502	6,590
15.....	625	425				1,040	502	400	1,000	625	502	5,900
16.....	556	412	300	245	5,460	920	476	400	772	920	502	5,020
17.....	735	388				846	476	400	698	625	476	4,180
18.....	698	364				846	476	400	698	515	450	4,080
19.....	556	364				809	476	400	735	625	450	3,230
20.....	528	364				772	463	489	772	556	450	1,800
21.....	476	335	300	245	5,460	735	463	625	698	625	425	1,240
22.....	463					3,380	698	463	735	661	542	425
23.....	450					3,880	698	450	528	625	528	425
24.....	450					4,860	698	450	528	556	476	425
25.....	450					5,460	698	438	625	556	515	425
26.....	438	335	300	245	5,460	661	425	1,040	528	489	412	3,480
27.....	438					625	425	1,040	528	542	400	4,430
28.....	425					2,060	625	425	698	502	528	400
29.....	412					.....	625	425	960	489	502	400
30.....	425					556	400	1,240	476	489	400	2,060
31.....	425					556	.....	1,000	.....	489	400	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve well defined below and fairly well defined above 1,320 second-feet. Discharge Nov. 21 to Feb. 20, estimated because of ice, from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Pecatonica River at Dill, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 959 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October .....	735	376	461	0.481	0.55	A.
November .....	425		380	.396	.44	C.
December .....			315	.328	.38	D.
January .....			266	.277	.32	D.
February .....	5,460		1,630	1.70	1.77	D.
March .....	1,360	556	840	.876	1.01	B.
April .....	556	400	493	.514	.57	A.
May .....	1,240	400	576	.601	.69	A.
June .....	2,060	476	777	.810	.90	A.
July .....	1,320	450	585	.610	.70	A.
August .....	1,680	400	631	.658	.76	A.
September .....	6,590	400	2,050	2.14	2.39	B.
The year .....	6,590		741	.773	10.48	

#### PECATONICA RIVER AT FREEPORT, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In T. 27 N., R. 8 E., at highway bridge at Hancock Avenue, Freeport, Stephenson County; about half a mile east of the Illinois Central Railroad station, and about 2 miles above mouth of Yellow Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,330 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—September 11, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to quarter-tenths to March 3 and to hundredths after March 3, by William Stout and Mrs. M. H. Stout.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of channel at gage consists of soft mud; character of control not known.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 17.2 feet at 5 p. m. February 16, and 7 a. m. February 28 (discharge, 7,780 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.1 feet at 4.30 p. m. December 12 (discharge, 278 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February. Warm water from a roundhouse above gage keeps river partly open at gage, but ice forms at points below.

**REGULATION.**—Operation of the powerhouse at a dam about a mile above the gage in the city of Freeport causes slight fluctuation at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable; records good except during winter.



*Discharge measurements of Pecatonica River at Freeport, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar. 3	William Kessler.....	9.79	1,780	Aug. 7	J. B. Fountain.....	8.45	1,430
3	.....do.....	9.64	1,690	Sept. 22	William Kessler.....	11.44	2,310
May 7	.....do.....	5.40	641	22	.....do.....	11.25	2,200
7	.....do.....	5.40	634	28	G. J. Trinkaus.....	15.79	5,690
July 10	.....do.....	7.48	1,100	29	.....do.....	15.72	5,780
10	.....do.....	7.14	1,010				

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Pecatonica River at Freeport, Ill., for the period Sept. 11, 1914, to Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		502	519	469		6,310	801	537	1,320	672	779	612
2.....		502	519	485		3,910	779	502	1,090	672	990	574
3.....		485	555	469		1,980	757	652	1,090	672	2,340	593
4.....		485	537	469		1,390	735	735	918	652	2,880	593
5.....		469	519	423		1,240	735	735	847	632	2,300	574
6.....		502	519	381		1,140	735	574	801	652	1,710	555
7.....		485	555	453		1,020	757	632	824	1,020	1,290	574
8.....		469	555	469		1,090	735	612	801	1,710	1,140	632
9.....		519	519	453		1,120	735	593	757	1,440	1,020	672
10.....		519	469	485		1,060	735	593	735	1,190	966	870
11.....	395	519	453	469		1,060	735	593	1,770	990	918	1,160
12.....	409	485	469	322		1,160	714	593	2,100	847	1,060	870
13.....	409	502	469	341		1,440	714	612	2,570	757	918	1,320
14.....	612	555	485	438		1,710	693	593	2,670	779	847	2,520
15.....	5,660	735	469	438		1,620	693	574	1,980	1,360	801	3,590
16.....	13,000	779	485	438	5,520	1,390	672	652	1,360	1,650	779	5,120
17.....	10,700	870	485	469	5,250	1,260	652	632	1,140	1,420	847	6,310
18.....	8,790	942	469	453	5,250	1,190	652	593	1,060	1,020	779	6,310
19.....	6,140	870	381	453	5,520	1,140	632	593	1,160	966	735	5,810
20.....	2,940	779	341	453	5,000	1,090	632	612	1,140	966	714	5,120
21.....	1,140	672	409	409	4,360	1,040	632	672	1,040	990	693	4,000
22.....	847	593	453	453	4,270	1,020	593	672	942	942	672	2,470
23.....	714	593	453	485	4,360	990	574	847	870	847	672	1,560
24.....	652	574	438	469	4,880	966	593	757	801	801	672	1,240
25.....	632	593	438	453	5,520	990	574	942	801	735	652	1,140
26.....	593	574	485		6,310	942	574	1,160	757	757	632	2,380
27.....	555	574	502		8,010	894	555	1,240	735	801	632	5,000
28.....	519	537	469		8,520	894	555	1,140	714	1,020	612	5,810
29.....	519	537	453			870	555	1,440	693	1,020	612	5,660
30.....	519	519	453			824	519	2,100	672	918	612	5,380
31.....		537				824		1,650		942	612	

NOTE.—Discharge determined from rating curve well defined between 395 and 8,000 second-feet and fairly well defined above 8,000 second-feet. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records, as follows: Dec. 26-31, 440 second-feet; Jan. 1-31, 450 second-feet; Feb. 1-5, 450 second-feet; and Feb. 6-15, 1,800 second-feet. Estimates for the period when the discharge relation was believed to have been affected by ice are based on insufficient data and should be used with caution.

*Monthly discharge of Pecatonica River at Freeport, Ill., for the period Sept. 11, 1914, to Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,330 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
September 11-30.....	13,000	395	2,790	2.10	1.56	A.
1914-15.						
October.....	942	469	590	.444	.51	A.
November.....	555	341	477	.359	.40	A.
December.....		322	443	.333	.38	B.
January.....			450	.338	.39	D.
February.....	8,520		3,320	2.50	2.60	D.
March.....	6,310	824	1,410	1.06	1.22	B.
April.....	801	519	667	.502	.56	A.
May.....	2,100	502	801	.602	.69	A.
June.....	2,670	672	1,140	.857	.96	A.
July.....	1,710	632	963	.724	.83	A.
August.....	2,880	612	996	.749	.86	A.
September.....	6,310	555	2,630	1.98	2.21	B.
The year.....	8,520	322	1,140	.857	11.61	

#### SUGAR RIVER NEAR BRODHEAD, WIS.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 26, T. 2 N., R. 9 E., Green County, at highway bridge 2 miles southwest of the village of Brodhead, about 12 miles above the Illinois State line. Jordan Creek enters from the right about 2 miles below, and Little Jordan Creek, also from the right, about 4 miles above the station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—529 square miles (measured on Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey map, edition of 1911; scale, 1 inch=6 miles).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—February 7, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream side of bridge; read daily, morning and evening, to quarter-tenths by Arthur Christensen.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of bridge at medium and high stages; at low stages by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Sand and gravel with no well-defined control; right bank of medium height; rarely overflows; left bank at the gage and above overflows at stage of approximately 7 feet on the gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 11.25 feet at 6 p. m. September 13 (discharge, approximately 12,500 second-feet); levels run to the high-water marks made during the night of September 13 showed a maximum stage of 11.4 feet (discharge approximately 13,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.78 foot November 29, 1915; discharge, approximately 108 second-feet.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 11.4 feet, September 13, 1915; discharge, approximately 13,000 second-feet; minimum stage recorded, 0.4 foot at 10 a. m. Sunday, August 30, 1914 (water was undoubtedly being held at the dam); discharge determined from extension of the rating curve, approximately 74 second-feet.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; flow estimated from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records.

**REGULATION.**—At extremely low stages there may be some diurnal fluctuation caused by the operation of power plants above the gage, especially the plant at Brodhead.

**ACCURACY.**—Channel shifting; rating curves only fairly well defined; at exceptionally low stages some diurnal fluctuation; records fair.

*Discharge measurements of Sugar River near Brodhead, Wis., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Jan. 6a	W. G. Hoyt.....	2 10	127	Apr. 21	W. G. Hoyt.....	1.54	274
Feb. 4a	do.....	2.37	134	21	do.....	1.59	280
24	H. C. Beckman.....	6.82	3,140	July 21	M. F. Rather.....	1.82	376
25	do.....	6.45	2,500	Sept. 16	H. C. Beckman.....	5.91	2,200

*a* Made under complete ice cover.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Sugar River near Brodhead, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
1.....	250	250	176	150	230	690	338	244	426	283	296	283	
2.....	250	188	278			653	324	220	352	270	580	296	
3.....	292	224	237			616	324	283	324	283	1,590	283	
4.....	166	250	224			527	270	296	310	257	1,920	270	
5.....	250	237	224			410	338	310	283	270	1,810	220	
6.....	224	250	188	195	775	380	338	296	270	270	1,290	310	
7.....	250	278	224			324	338	296	283	352	887	310	
8.....	224	166	250			459	338	283	283	510	580	310	
9.....	224	250	278			410	324	244	296	476	476	510	
10.....	292	199	278			410	310	270	296	410	410	728	
11.....	224	224	292	205	1,100	380	296	257	846	310	410	634	
12.....	250	224	278			442	352	257	616	324	366	527	
13.....	278	337	224			544	296	257	846	352	366	4,990	
14.....	292	224	224			846	296	244	766	296	366	8,600	
15.....	307	224	224			887	310	244	580	527	352	3,450	
16.....	384	224	155	230	1,240	846	296	220	442	380	366	2,260	
17.....	467	237				616	296	270	380	296	352	1,830	296
18.....	520	224				510	244	257	380	270	380	2,550	380
19.....	538	156				527	283	283	410	324	380	1,710	380
20.....	416	160				510	283	270	442	352	324	1,200	324
21.....	322		155	230		442	283	310	410	352	324	878	
22.....	307					459	270	410	352	366	310	668	310
23.....	307					1,810	296	310	338	352	324	626	324
24.....	264					2,970	442	283	380	296	324	310	544
25.....	278	212				2,630	442	220	690	283	270	469	310
26.....	250	224	155	230	1,860	442	283	616	283	296	296	2,010	
27.....	237	212				1,390	410	270	653	244	338	2,790	296
28.....	250	199				887	366	244	616	270	324	283	1,770
29.....	224	108				366	244	544	262	338	270	1,350	270
30.....	250	250				352	257	527	310	324	296	965	296
31.....	278	278				338	338	544	544	310	296	296	296

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 19 and Nov. 25 to Dec. 13 from a rating curve well defined between 199 and 4,580 second-feet; Feb. 21 to Sept. 15 from a rating curve fairly well defined between 244 and 4,500 second-feet; Sept. 16–30 from a rating curve fairly well defined between 335 and 2,260 second-feet; Nov. 20–24, and Dec. 14 to Feb. 20 estimated because of ice from discharge measurements, observer's notes, and weather records. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Sugar River near Brodhead, Wis., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 529 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu-racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	538	166	292	0.552	0.64	A.
November.....	337	108	212	.401	.45	C.
December.....	292	.....	203	.384	.44	C.
January.....	.....	.....	193	.365	.42	C.
February.....	2,970	.....	855	1.62	1.69	C.
March.....	887	324	500	.945	1.09	B.
April.....	352	220	295	.558	.77	B.
May.....	690	220	352	.665	.72	B.
June.....	846	244	396	.749	.84	B.
July.....	527	270	336	.635	.73	B.
August.....	1,920	270	542	1.02	1.18	B.
September.....	8,600	220	1,440	2.72	3.04	B.
The year.....	8,600	108	464	.877	11.91	

## IOWA RIVER AT MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At the Third Avenue highway bridge, 1 mile south of Marshalltown, Marshall County, and about a mile below site of old gaging station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,380 square miles, revised by measurement on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 21 to September 30, 1915; February 23, 1903, to August 8, 1903, at old location 1 mile above present station.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream handrail of bridge, 60 feet from right pier; read once daily by B. S. Beehrle.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge, to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream sandy and subject to change; right bank will not overflow; left bank will overflow at a stage between 13 and 14 feet.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during part of year, 13.6 feet, June 1 (discharge, 8,420 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.2 feet, September 4 to 7 (discharge, 455 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; observations discontinued during winter months.

**ACCURACY.**—Results fairly good.

*Discharge measurements of Iowa River at Marshalltown, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
May 22	C. Herlofson.....	<i>Feet.</i> 5.12	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 1,010
May 29	do.....	13.21	7,850
June 6	A. Davis.....	9.62	3,620

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Iowa River at Marshalltown, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		8,420	1,860	1,080	503	16.....		1,280	975	840	579
2.....		6,500	1,440	1,530	479	17.....		1,440	1,160	873	632
3.....		5,860	1,240	1,320	479	18.....		2,080	1,360	906	906
4.....		5,140	1,080	1,320	455	19.....		2,260	2,200	840	1,200
5.....		5,380	1,010	1,400	455	20.....		1,580	2,260	777	3,980
6.....		3,790	1,010	1,530	455	21.....		808	1,530	2,200	873
7.....		3,020	1,320	2,140	455	22.....		1,010	1,440	1,980	840
8.....		2,460	2,460	1,980	479	23.....		1,080	1,360	1,660	808
9.....		2,080	1,620	1,660	479	24.....		1,240	1,280	1,580	717
10.....		1,860	1,400	1,400	553	25.....		1,530	1,920	1,240	660
11.....		1,760	1,280	1,160	1,010	26.....		3,880	2,080	1,160	632
12.....		1,580	1,160	1,010	688	27.....		7,560	1,920	1,080	579
13.....		1,480	1,040	906	579	28.....		7,300	2,950	1,720	553
14.....		1,400	940	873	553	29.....		7,560	3,020	1,920	503
15.....		1,280	906	873	553	30.....		8,120	2,520	1,280	528
						31.....		7,840		1,120	528

**NOTE.**—Discharge computed from a rating curve fairly well defined between 700 and 9,000 second-feet.

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*Monthly discharge of Iowa River at Marshalltown, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,380 square miles.] <sup>a</sup>

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
May 21-31.....	8,120	808	4,360	3.16	1.29	A.
June.....	8,420	1,280	2,690	1.95	2.18	A.
July.....	2,460	906	1,440	1.04	1.20	B.
August.....	2,140	503	1,020	.739	.85	B.
September.....	7,700	455	1,840	1.33	1.48	B.

<sup>a</sup> This drainage area supersedes that published in previous reports.

#### IOWA RIVER AT IOWA CITY, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge about 500 feet below Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway, main-line bridge; about three-fourths mile below Iowa State University's power plant, three-fourths mile downstream from old gaging station, which was at the county highway bridge a short distance above the dam.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—3,140 square miles (revised by measurement on United States Geological Survey map of scale, 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—October 30, 1913, to September 30, 1915, at present site June 11, 1903, to July 21, 1906, at old gaging station.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to upstream handrail of bridge about 40 feet from left-hand end of first span from left bank; read once daily by Byron Gibson.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached, or from a boat about 1,000 feet below highway bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream sandy and subject to change; right bank is high and will not overflow; left bank will overflow at high stage under a pile trestle approach to the bridge and beyond the left end of the approach at extremely high stage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum discharge during year, approximately 20,000 second-feet, February 18, 24, and 25. Minimum stage recorded: 1.2 feet November 19; (discharge, 492 second-feet); maximum stage recorded prior to 1915, about 15 feet (old gage) night of June 2-3, 1903 (discharge, approximately 20,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, -1.7 feet (old gage) several days in November and December, 1904 (discharge, 160 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice; discharge determined from head on the crest of the dam.

**REGULATION.**—Slight diurnal fluctuation due to operation of power plant above station.

**ACCURACY.**—Results fair.

*Discharge measurements of Iowa River at Iowa City, Iowa, during 1914-1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
1914.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>	1915.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
May 23	Hutchins and Urlick....	1.42	532	Mar. 20	.....	.....	4,630
Oct. 24	Hutchins and Holt....	3.74	1,920	Apr. 23	R. E. Hutchins.....	3.10	1,390
				23	Dunlap and Repass....	3.10	1,460
1915.				May 10	Hutchins and Repass....	.....	1,460
Feb. 22	.....	.....	15,200	June 2	C. Herlolfson.....	9.45	7,600
27	.....	.....	17,500				

NOTE.—Measurements May 23, 1914, to May 10, 1915, made by Engineering Department, University of Iowa.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Iowa River at Iowa City, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,300	1,130	560	350	400	9,340	5,580	1,130	5,920	2,690	8,320	915
2.....	1,450	1,130	800	350	400	7,950	5,580	1,300	7,100	2,780	9,210	815
3.....	1,610	1,130	700	350	400	6,740	5,350	1,370	8,820	2,690	8,580	815
4.....	1,760	1,080	700	350	400	5,820	5,460	1,440	9,340	2,860	6,740	770
5.....	1,910	1,020	660	350	400	4,910	3,860	1,080	9,340	2,780	4,910	725
6.....	2,070	965	440	350	400	3,860	3,660	1,240	8,950	2,610	5,130	725
7.....	2,220	915	660	350	400	3,200	3,140	1,560	8,320	2,290	5,240	1,130
8.....	2,380	815	600	350	400	2,690	2,610	1,640	7,820	2,060	4,060	1,130
9.....	2,540	770	600	350	400	2,690	2,490	1,500	7,340	2,140	4,260	2,450
10.....	2,690	815	560	350	600	2,530	2,370	1,560	6,740	2,220	3,200	1,500
11.....	3,120	815	440	400	800	2,370	2,290	1,560	6,980	4,580	2,940	2,370
12.....	3,570	815	400	500	1,000	2,060	2,290	1,440	5,240	4,480	3,380	2,450
13.....	3,860	725	320	400	1,500	1,990	2,370	1,370	5,460	4,260	3,030	2,610
14.....	3,660	635	600	300	4,000	1,840	2,290	1,300	3,960	3,760	2,940	2,690
15.....	3,380	595	440	400	6,000	1,990	2,370	1,440	3,200	3,860	2,140	3,480
16.....	2,690	595	360	1,000	10,000	2,140	2,290	1,370	2,780	3,570	1,640	3,660
17.....	2,450	555	440	2,200	15,000	2,530	2,220	1,130	2,530	3,570	1,500	3,030
18.....	2,450	515	480	1,400	20,000	2,780	2,220	1,080	2,370	3,120	1,300	2,530
19.....	2,450	475	400	1,400	15,000	3,080	2,140	1,370	3,380	3,030	1,130	2,530
20.....	2,530	515	300	1,400	12,000	3,380	1,840	1,640	3,480	3,030	1,370	2,450
21.....	2,450	515	520	1,800	12,000	3,660	1,560	1,640	3,480	2,860	1,500	2,450
22.....	2,450	475	400	1,400	15,200	3,660	1,560	1,500	3,660	2,780	1,370	2,450
23.....	2,290	595	380	1,000	18,000	3,760	1,560	1,560	3,380	2,780	1,440	3,200
24.....	2,290	635	520	600	20,000	3,860	1,500	1,640	3,300	3,030	1,370	3,660
25.....	1,640	680	400	500	20,000	4,160	1,500	2,690	2,860	3,660	1,300	3,480
26.....	1,560	635	360	500	19,000	4,480	1,300	4,160	2,780	4,260	1,300	8,700
27.....	1,500	680	320	500	17,500	4,320	1,180	4,160	2,690	5,460	1,240	10,800
28.....	1,370	635	350	500	12,000	4,160	1,130	4,480	2,530	8,700	1,130	9,990
29.....	1,300	635	350	400	-----	4,690	1,130	6,620	2,610	8,580	1,080	10,200
30.....	1,300	680	350	400	-----	4,690	1,080	6,160	2,610	6,270	1,080	11,500
31.....	1,240	-----	350	400	-----	5,140	-----	5,810	-----	5,580	1,020	-----

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 400 and 12,000 second-feet. Discharge Oct. 2-9, Mar. 4, 15, 19, 27, and 31, Apr. 7 and 9, interpolated. Discharge Dec. 1-27 and Jan. 1-25 estimated by Prof. R. E. Hutchins from discharge relation curves for the State university power plant. Discharge relation curves for the plant, affected by backwater from ice below the dam Dec. 28-31 and Jan. 26 to Feb. 15, and discharge estimated from consideration of probable flow at Cedar Rapids and records of temperature. Discharge Feb. 16-28 estimated from three discharge measurements and flow at Cedar Rapids.

*Monthly discharge of Iowa River at Iowa City, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 3,140 square miles.<sup>a</sup>]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	3,860	-----	2,240	0.713	0.82	B.
November.....	1,130	475	739	.235	.26	B.
December.....	800	300	476	.152	.18	C.
January.....	2,200	300	674	.215	.25	C.
February.....	20,000	400	7,970	2.54	2.64	C.
March.....	9,340	1,840	3,890	1.24	1.43	A.
April.....	5,580	1,080	2,530	.807	.90	A.
May.....	6,620	1,080	2,190	.697	.80	A.
June.....	9,340	2,370	4,970	1.58	1.76	A.
July.....	8,700	2,060	3,750	1.19	1.37	A.
August.....	9,210	1,020	3,060	.975	1.12	A.
September.....	11,500	725	3,520	1.12	1.25	A.
The year.....	20,000	300	2,960	.943	12.78	

<sup>a</sup> Supersedes that published in previous reports.

## IOWA RIVER AT WAPELLO, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge, about one-half mile from railroad station, at Wapello, Louisa County, and about 20 miles from mouth of Iowa River. No important tributaries enter near station.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—At gaging station, 12,480 square miles; at mouth, 12,600 square miles (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—February 26 to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to vertical near center of first span from right abutment; read once daily by C. W. Warren.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream sand and gravel and subject to shift, right bank high and will not overflow; it is possible that levee along left bank might break or be overtopped at extremely high stages.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year: 11.5 feet, February 26 and 27 (discharge, 41,800 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.70 feet, September 6 to 8 (discharge, 3,120 second-feet); maximum known stage prior to 1915, approximately 14.3 feet about April 3, 1912 (discharge, approximately 58,000 second-feet). The flood of June, 1892, was much higher.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered good.

*Discharge measurements of Iowa River at Wapello, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Feb. 26	Bolster and Egbert	11.36	41,000
Aug. 7	C. Herlofson	6.40	17,100

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Iowa River at Wapello, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1		35,800	33,700	4,990	25,300	9,290	22,100	3,700
2		30,100	28,600	4,990	25,300	8,990	20,400	3,700
3		24,400	23,900	5,460	25,800	9,290	20,400	3,500
4		24,400	21,300	5,950	30,600	8,990	20,400	3,500
5		17,900	18,300	5,700	36,300	7,540	18,700	3,310
6		15,500	15,900	5,220	36,300	7,260	17,100	3,120
7		13,200	14,400	6,200	33,700	7,540	17,100	3,120
8		12,200	13,200	7,260	28,600	7,540	17,500	3,120
9		11,200	12,500	7,820	23,000	7,260	15,500	10,800
10		10,200	12,200	7,540	20,000	7,540	14,000	10,500
11		9,590	12,200	7,260	18,300	10,200	12,500	16,300
12		8,690	11,800	6,990	17,500	14,000	11,800	15,500
13		8,400	11,500	6,460	16,300	12,200	10,800	11,200
14		8,110	11,800	6,200	15,900	11,500	9,290	10,200
15		8,110	11,800	6,720	13,200	11,800	8,400	9,900
16		8,110	11,500	5,700	12,200	10,800	7,540	9,590
17		8,690	10,800	4,990	11,200	10,500	6,720	9,590
18		9,290	9,900	4,760	10,800	9,290	6,460	9,900
19		10,200	9,290	4,760	11,800	9,900	6,200	8,990
20		10,800	8,690	4,990	11,800	10,500	6,200	8,110
21		12,200	8,110	5,700	11,800	10,200	6,460	6,990
22		12,900	7,540	5,700	11,800	9,900	6,200	6,720
23		14,000	7,260	5,950	12,200	9,900	5,950	8,400
24		15,500	6,460	5,460	12,200	11,200	5,700	9,290
25		17,100	6,200	6,720	11,500	12,500	5,220	9,590
26	41,800	18,300	5,950	14,000	11,200	14,400	4,990	13,600
27	41,800	18,300	5,460	14,400	10,200	15,500	4,760	17,900
28	41,300	19,000	5,460	16,300	9,290	16,300	4,540	24,800
29		19,600	5,220	19,100	9,590	17,500	4,320	29,600
30		24,800	4,990	21,300	9,290	21,700	4,110	33,200
31		33,200	.....	23,900	.....	22,600	3,900	.....

NOTE.—Daily discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 3,000 and 60,000 second-feet. Discharge Mar. 28 interpolated.

*Monthly discharge of Iowa River at Wapello, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 12,480 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
March.....	35,800	8,110	15,800	1.27	1.46	A.
April.....	33,700	4,990	12,200	.978	1.09	A.
May.....	23,900	4,760	8,340	.668	.77	B.
June.....	36,300	9,290	17,800	1.43	1.60	A.
July.....	22,600	7,260	11,400	.913	1.05	A.
August.....	22,100	3,900	10,500	.841	.97	B.
September.....	33,200	3,120	10,600	.849	.95	B.

CEDAR RIVER<sup>1</sup> AT JANESVILLE, IOWA.

LOCATION.—At the Illinois Central Railroad bridge about one-fourth mile below the highway bridge and about 3 miles above junction with Shellrock River.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,660 square miles (revised by measurement on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—April 26, 1905, to September 30, 1906, and May 28 to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to upstream guard rail of bridge about the middle of left span; read once daily by James Townsend.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from upstream side of railroad bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of stream, gravel; fairly permanent; both banks high and not subject to overflow.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 8.8 feet at 7 a. m. May 31 (discharge, 6,890 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.39 feet September 12 (discharge, 329 second-feet).

1905-1906: Maximum stage recorded 13.3 feet March 28, 1906 (discharge, about 22,600 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.90 foot at various times in 1905 (discharge, 330 second-feet).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice.

REGULATION.—May be slight diurnal fluctuation of water level due to operation of power plant at Waverly, about 9 miles above station.

ACCURACY.—Results considered excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Cedar River at Janesville, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by C. Herlofson.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
May 23.....	2.03	721
June 1.....	8.29	6,260
Sept. 11.....	1.52	399

<sup>1</sup> Called Red Cedar River in Water-Supply Papers 171 and 207.



*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Cedar River at Janesville, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		6,530	1,300	1,160	458	16.....		1,300	2,020	905	1,040
2.....		5,050	1,100	2,020	458	17.....		1,230	2,180	1,580	905
3.....		3,630	775	1,950	396	18.....		1,580	1,440	905	742
4.....		2,340	840	1,650	396	19.....		1,720	2,580	1,040	614
5.....		2,180	905	3,000	427	20.....		1,720	3,260	1,230	1,000
6.....		1,720	710	2,580	427	21.....		2,580	5,050	1,100	938
7.....		1,650	1,100	2,260	372	22.....		2,660	3,720	840	646
8.....		1,580	1,510	1,720	427	23.....		1,950	2,500	775	646
9.....		1,880	2,420	1,300	396	24.....		1,650	2,180	710	552
10.....		1,800	3,260	1,100	366	25.....		1,650	1,950	646	500
11.....		1,650	3,920	1,040	427	26.....	2,020	1,440	1,440	646	1,510
12.....		1,610	2,420	970	329	27.....	2,260	905	1,300	583	1,200
13.....		1,810	1,720	840	583	28.....	4,410	1,800	1,230	520	938
14.....		1,720	1,650	775	489	29.....	4,830	1,650	1,040	520	710
15.....		1,510	1,440	775	872	30.....	5,950	1,580	1,720	458	614
						31.....	6,890		1,440	520	.....

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 300 and 8,000 second-feet. Discharge September 25, estimated from discharge of Shellrock River near Clarksville.

*Monthly discharge of Cedar River at Janesville, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,660 square miles.]<sup>1</sup>

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
May 26-31.....	6,890	2,020	4,390	2.64	0.59	A.
June.....	6,530	905	2,070	1.25	1.40	A.
July.....	5,050	710	1,940	1.17	1.35	A.
August.....	3,000	458	1,170	.705	.81	A.
September.....	1,510	329	646	.389	.43	A.

<sup>1</sup>Supersedes drainage area previously published.

#### CEDAR RIVER AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—In the central part of Cedar Rapids, Linn County, about one-half mile below the dam and between the electric railroad bridge and the Seventh Avenue combination railroad and foot bridge.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—At gaging station 6,640 square miles; at junction with Iowa River, 7,930 square miles (revised measurements on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—October 26, 1902, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Inclined staff gage fastened to posts driven in right bank of the river in rear of plant of the Iowa Windmill & Pump Co. plant; read daily in the morning, to tenths, by R. S. Toogood. Elevation of zero of gage from Northwestern R. R. levels 723.03 feet above sea level.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from different bridges in the vicinity of the gage, according to the stage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of river consists of rock and gravel; free from vegetation and practically permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 11.7 feet at 7 a. m. March 29; (discharge, 32,400 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.1 feet October 6 (discharge, 1,100 second-feet). 1902-1915: Maximum stage recorded 17.2 feet April 1, 1912 (discharge, 54,000 second-feet), minimum stage recorded, 2.5 feet, July 24 to 28, 1911 (discharge, 410 second-feet.)

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice, except in mild winters, when the swift current and the proximity to the power plant keep the measuring section open.

**REGULATION.**—No power has been developed at the dam above the gaging station during this year. The construction of a new dam to replace the old one has been begun and the regimen of flow has been slightly affected as an incident to construction work. There is no dam for a long distance below Cedar Rapids and no back-water at the gaging station.

**ACCURACY.**—Records excellent; open-water estimates based on a well-defined rating curve.

**COOPERATION.**—Gage height record furnished by United States Weather Bureau.

No discharge measurements were made at this station during the year.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Cedar River at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,630	1,840	1,260	800	1,200	10,800	13,500	3,480	22,100	5,770	5,770	2,320
2.....	1,260	2,070	1,440			9,710	12,300	3,480	29,600	6,120	6,120	2,070
3.....	1,440	1,840	1,260			8,250	12,300	3,170	29,600	5,770	5,770	2,070
4.....	1,260	2,070	1,440			7,890	10,800	3,790	22,900	5,090	8,970	1,840
5.....	1,260	1,840	1,260			6,120	9,340	3,170	20,600	4,430	10,400	2,070
6.....	1,100	2,070	1,440	800	1,200	5,770	8,610	4,760	13,500	4,760	10,800	1,840
7.....	1,260	1,840	1,260			5,090	7,890	6,120	11,200	4,110	10,100	2,070
8.....	2,320	2,070	1,440			4,760	8,250	6,120	9,710	4,430	9,340	1,840
9.....	4,760	1,840	1,440			4,110	8,250	5,770	8,970	4,110	8,610	2,320
10.....	4,110	1,840	1,630			4,110	8,250	5,430	8,610	5,090	7,890	2,870
11.....	4,110	1,630	1,440	800	1,200	3,480	7,890	5,090	8,250	5,770	6,470	2,870
12.....	3,480	1,630	1,630			3,480	8,250	4,760	7,530	6,470	6,120	2,320
13.....	3,480	1,440	1,440			3,170	8,610	4,430	7,530	7,170	5,430	2,320
14.....	2,870	1,630				3,480	8,610	4,110	7,170	6,820	4,760	1,840
15.....	4,110	1,440				14,300	3,480	7,890	3,480	6,820	5,770	2,590
16.....	4,430	1,630		1,000	2,000	13,500	3,790	7,170	3,480	6,470	5,430	2,590
17.....	5,770	1,260				14,600	4,430	7,170	2,870	6,120	5,090	3,480
18.....	5,090	1,440				12,300	4,430	6,120	3,170	6,120	5,770	3,790
19.....	5,090	1,260				9,710	6,820	5,430	2,590	6,470	6,820	4,110
20.....	4,430	1,630				9,340	8,250	5,090	3,170	6,470	6,120	4,430
21.....	4,430	1,440		1,000	2,000	9,710	8,970	4,430	2,870	7,170	6,820	3,790
22.....	4,430	1,440				12,700	11,200	4,430	3,170	7,530	7,890	3,790
23.....	3,480	1,260				22,500	13,900	3,790	2,870	7,890	8,610	5,090
24.....	2,870	1,630				22,900	13,100	3,790	3,480	7,890	9,710	3,480
25.....	2,870	1,440				26,500	13,100	3,480	4,430	7,530	9,710	4,110
26.....	2,320	1,630		1,000	2,000	21,800	12,700	3,480	8,250	6,470	8,250	2,870
27.....	2,590	1,440				17,400	17,800	3,170	9,710	6,470	8,250	2,590
28.....	2,320	1,630				13,100	30,400	3,170	12,000	6,470	9,340	2,590
29.....	2,320	1,440					32,400	2,870	17,800	6,120	9,340	2,320
30.....	2,070	1,630					24,500	3,480	18,200	6,120	7,530	2,590
31.....	2,070						17,800		16,600	6,120	2,320	

NOTE.—Daily discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 600 and 36,000 second-feet. Discharge Dec. 14 to Feb. 14 estimated, because of ice, from climatic records and probable discharge at Iowa City. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Cedar River at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 6,640 square miles.] <sup>a</sup>

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accuracy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	5,770	1,100	3,030	0.456	0.53	A.
November.....	2,070	1,260	1,640	.247	.28	A.
December.....			1,170	.176	.20	C.
January.....			1,420	.214	.25	D.
February.....	26,500		8,780	1.32	1.38	B.
March.....	32,400	3,170	9,910	1.49	1.72	A.
April.....	13,500	2,870	6,930	1.04	1.16	A.
May.....	18,200	2,590	5,870	.884	1.02	A.
June.....	29,600	6,120	10,500	1.58	1.76	A.
July.....	9,710	4,110	6,530	.983	1.13	A.
August.....	10,800	2,320	5,270	.794	.92	A.
September.....	22,900	1,840	5,200	.783	.87	A.
The year.....	32,400		5,490	.827	11.24	

<sup>a</sup> Supersedes drainage area previously published.

## SHELLROCK RIVER NEAR CLARKSVILLE, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At the highway bridge,  $1\frac{1}{4}$  miles northwest of Clarksville, Butler County, and approximately 25 miles above junction with Cedar River. No important tributaries enter for several miles up and down stream.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,660 square miles at the station and 2,680 square miles at the junction with Cedar River (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 28 to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to hand rail on upstream side of bridge 75 feet from right abutment; read once daily by Mrs. H. H. Sherburne.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Rock and sand; probably permanent. The right bank is high and will not overflow; left bank will probably overflow during extreme high stage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year: 11.0 feet at 7.30 a. m. May 30 (discharge, 10,200 second-feet). Minimum stage recorded since station was established, 1.6 feet several days during September (discharge, 185 second-feet); in April, 1907, a stage of approximately 16.5 feet was reached (discharge, approximately 19,000 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered good.

*Discharge measurements of Shellrock River near Clarksville, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
May 31	C. Herlofson	9.07	7,490
June 7	A. Davis	5.21	2,740
Sept. 11	C. Herlofson	1.92	330

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Shellrock River near Clarksville, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.		5,380	1,200	935	298	16.		1,340	1,200	690	840
2.		4,640	1,000	1,340	275	17.		1,200	1,340	1,140	690
3.		3,700	902	3,700	252	18.		1,280	1,060	662	608
4.		3,140	902	4,760	230	19.		1,980	2,160	662	552
5.		2,940	902	3,580	230	20.		1,980	2,160	662	525
6.		2,630	810	2,530	208	21.		1,980	1,900	552	498
7.		2,630	810	1,980	208	22.		1,730	1,570	552	470
8.		2,530	1,500	1,730	185	23.		1,420	1,340	498	420
9.		2,340	1,570	1,340	185	24.		1,420	1,200	470	395
10.		2,060	1,200	1,140	185	25.		2,340	1,000	445	345
11.		1,980	1,060	935	208	26.		2,160	902	420	420
12.		1,810	1,000	870	275	27.		1,900	902	395	608
13.		1,980	935	902	320	28.	3,140	1,570	840	370	662
14.		1,810	902	810	1,900	29.		8,940	1,810	840	345
15.		1,500	810	750	1,200	30.	10,200	1,420	810	320	552
						31.	7,110		1,060	320	

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve fairly well defined between 200 and 10,000 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Shellrock River near Clarksville, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,660 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
May 28-31.....	10,200	3,140	7,350	4.43	0.66	B.
June.....	5,380	1,200	2,200	1.33	1.48	A.
July.....	2,160	810	1,150	.693	.80	B.
August.....	4,760	320	1,160	.699	.81	B.
September.....	1,900	185	478	.288	.32	A.

## SKUNK RIVER AT COPPOCK, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge about one-eighth mile above railroad bridge and about one-fourth mile above junction with Crooked Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,890 square miles (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—October 21, 1913, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream side of bridge; read once daily by J. W. Ricks.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Gravel and sand; channel likely to shift.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 16.3 feet at 9.30 a. m. August 4 (discharge, 13,700 second-feet); minimum stage recorded during open-water periods, 3.5 feet December 10 (discharge, 34 second-feet); the minimum flow during the winter period was much lower.

Maximum stage recorded prior to 1915, approximately 24 feet about May 31, 1903 (discharge, approximately 30,000 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; observations discontinued during winter months.

**ACCURACY.**—Conditions of flow fairly good, current not normal to bridge at medium or high stages. Two railroad bridges below gage catch drift at high stages, thus affecting the discharge relation.

*Discharge measurements of Skunk River at Coppock, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 27	C. Herlofson.....	5.23	1,130
27	do.....	5.21	1,130
Feb. 25	D. V. Egbert.....	14.12	10,300

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Skunk River at Coppock, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1,180	835	370			8,500	3,200		3,920	1,300	8,950	1,270
2.....	1,060	785	370			8,000	2,720		3,560	1,180	9,090	1,390
3.....	940	785	370			7,000	2,330		3,290	1,120	12,200	1,390
4.....	835	735	370			6,000	1,760	800	3,290	995	13,700	1,090
5.....	785	690	370			5,500	1,620		4,210	885	12,100	979
6.....		735	690		400	5,000	1,490		4,400	835	10,100	979
7.....		645	645	250		4,500	1,360	885	5,910	885	8,400	924
8.....		690	600			4,000	1,300	995	6,260	1,360	6,860	924
9.....		785	600			3,500	1,300	940	6,140	885	6,140	4,540
10.....	2,330	600	340			3,500	1,240	835	5,910	995	5,800	2,490
11.....	2,960	560	340			3,000	1,300	835	5,470	9,090	5,580	6,020
12.....	3,120	520	330		1,000	2,500	1,300	785	5,470	8,130	5,360	5,690
13.....	3,040	520	320		1,200	2,500	1,240	735	6,020	4,120	4,540	5,150
14.....	2,640	520	310		1,200	2,000		690	5,470	3,040	4,060	5,470
15.....	2,560	520		400	1,500	2,000		835	3,740	2,330	3,620	5,690
16.....	2,640	480		800	3,000	1,500		785	2,330	2,880	2,560	6,500
17.....	2,640	440		1,500	6,000	1,500		690	2,040	2,260	2,190	6,380
18.....	2,560	440		1,000	9,000	1,500		690	2,040	2,330	2,260	6,380
19.....	2,330	430		1,000	9,380	2,000		600	4,300	3,830	2,340	4,240
20.....	2,100	420		1,000	9,700	2,000		645	3,560	3,460	1,910	3,620
21.....	1,960	410		1,000	10,100	2,000	1,000	1,240	3,640	3,290	1,840	2,880
22.....	1,820	400	250	1,000	10,400	2,000		1,420	3,740	3,040	1,770	2,260
23.....	1,620	400		800	10,600	2,500		995	3,380	2,800	1,700	2,050
24.....	1,420	400		600	10,700	2,500		885	2,960	3,640	1,580	2,490
25.....	1,300	370			10,300	2,500		1,360	2,560	6,740	1,450	2,960
26.....	1,240	370			10,100	3,000		6,020	3,460	6,500	1,330	4,840
27.....	1,120	370		400	9,500	3,000		6,260	1,960	5,260	1,270	7,360
28.....	1,060	370			9,000	3,500		5,000	1,820	6,260	1,210	8,400
29.....	995	370				3,500		5,360	1,560	8,130	1,090	8,540
30.....	940	370				3,500		5,470	1,420	9,090	1,090	8,400
31.....	885					3,500		4,600		9,230	1,040	

NOTE.—Daily discharge computed from two rating curves, well defined throughout. Discharge Nov. 19–24 and Dec. 11 to Feb. 18 estimated, because of ice, from climatic records and probable discharge at Iowa City. Discharge Feb. 20 to May 6, except Feb. 22, 24–26, Mar. 2, and Apr. 2–13, interpolated, or estimated from known discharge at Iowa City. Braced figures show mean discharge for period included.

*Monthly discharge of Skunk River at Coppock, Iowa, for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914–1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,890 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1913-14.						
October 21-31.....	157	106	126	0.044	0.02	B.
November.....	95	67	80.4	.028	.03	B.
December.....	168	83	114	.039	.04	C.
April.....	560	179	305	.106	.12	A.
May.....	1,560	190	457	.158	.18	B.
June.....	1,560	157	602	.208	.23	B.
July.....	1,300	86	242	.084	.10	A.
August.....	168	33	59.5	.021	.02	B.
September.....	6,430	70	2,230	.772	.86	A.
1914-15.						
October.....	3,120	645	1,640	.567	.65	A.
November.....	835	370	522	.181	.20	A.
December.....	370		297	.103	.12	B.
January.....	1,500		497	.172	.20	C.
February.....	10,700		4,550	1.57	1.64	A.
March.....	8,500	1,500	3,470	1.20	1.38	A.
April.....	3,200		1,310	.453	.51	B.
May.....	6,260	600	1,750	.606	.70	A.
June.....	6,260	1,420	3,790	1.31	1.46	A.
July.....	9,230	835	3,740	1.29	1.49	A.
August.....	13,700	1,040	4,620	1.60	1.84	A.
September.....	8,540	924	4,040	1.40	1.56	A.
The year.....	13,700		2,520	.872	11.75	

## SKUNK RIVER AT AUGUSTA, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge about one-third mile from Augusta post office, Des Moines County, and about 15 miles from mouth of Skunk River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—At gaging station 4,290 square miles; at mouth, 4,350 square miles (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—September 30 to November 15, 1913; May 27 to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream handrail of bridge about 95 feet from left abutment; read once daily by L. E. Williamson; staff gage attached to the downstream left side of the middle pier, used by engineers of the Hydraulic Engineering Co. of Maine during 1913; datum of gage unknown; gage taken out by ice in spring of 1914.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream sandy and subject to change; right bank high and will not overflow; left bank will only overflow at extreme high stage; remains of old mill dam 600 feet below gage will probably make discharge relation permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 15.6 feet at 6 p. m. July 11 (discharge, 25,800 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 3.2 feet, August 31, September 1 and 6 (discharge, 1,100 second-feet).

Maximum stage prior to 1915, approximately 21 feet about June 1, 1903 (discharge, nearly 40,000 second-feet); minimum discharge recorded, 63 second-feet, November 10, 1913; absolute minimum discharge at this station probably 25 second-feet or less.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered good.

**COOPERATION.**—Station maintained by and measurements made by Hydraulic Engineering Co. of Maine during the fall of 1913.

*Discharge measurements of Skunk River at Augusta, Iowa, during 1913-1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
1913.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>	1913.		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 1	McDaniel and Logson..	1.28	148	Oct. 23	McDaniel and Logson..	1.45	229
6	do.....	1.44	184	25	do.....	1.30	162
7	do.....	1.19	118	27	do.....	1.38	188
9	do.....	1.02	83	28	do.....	1.36	180
13	do.....	1.52	249	30	do.....	1.28	157
13	do.....	1.76	384	Nov. 1	do.....	1.23	126
14	do.....	1.53	241	4	do.....	1.17	120
15	do.....	1.40	196	5	do.....	1.17	112
16	do.....	1.22	145	6	do.....	1.16	101
17	do.....	1.59	309	14	do.....	1.08	89
18	do.....	2.01	534	15	do.....	1.08	70
20	do.....	1.77	396				
21	do.....	1.53	259	1915.			
22	do.....	1.44	229	Feb. 24 <sup>b</sup>	R. H. Bolster.....	11.11	12,100
23	do.....	1.40	224	June 15	C. Herlofson.....	6.24	5,720

<sup>a</sup> Measurements Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1913, made by engineers, Hydraulic Engineering Co. of Maine. See "Gage" in station description.

<sup>b</sup> Discharge relation affected by ice jam below station.

<sup>c</sup> Gage height refers to chain gage.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Skunk River at Augusta, Iowa, for the periods Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1913, and May 27 to Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.
1913.			1913.			1913.		
1.....	154	135	11.....	87	69	21.....	261	.....
2.....	146	131	12.....	271	75	22.....	220	.....
3.....	90	124	13.....	302	84	23.....	215	.....
4.....	117	114	14.....	251	84	24.....	165	.....
5.....	302	114	15.....	224	84	25.....	150	.....
6.....	206	110	16.....	161	.....	26.....	161	.....
7.....	121	110	17.....	286	.....	27.....	194	.....
8.....	75	110	18.....	527	.....	28.....	186	.....
9.....	66	114	19.....	480	.....	29.....	173	.....
10.....	87	63	20.....	387	.....	30.....	154	.....
						31.....	139	.....

Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1915.						1915.					
1.....		7,380	4,940	19,600	1,100	16.....		4,060	4,230	3,880	6,610
2.....		6,040	3,550	17,600	1,160	17.....		2,620	3,880	2,920	9,360
3.....		5,300	2,060	22,800	1,560	18.....		2,340	2,770	2,340	10,600
4.....		4,940	1,680	23,400	1,260	19.....		2,340	5,120	2,340	17,000
5.....		5,480	1,440	23,000	1,210	20.....		4,580	5,860	2,340	9,970
6.....		6,040	1,210	23,200	1,100	21.....		4,060	4,940	2,060	7,380
7.....		7,180	2,620	19,600	1,160	22.....		3,880	4,060	1,930	3,880
8.....		8,550	2,200	13,900	1,160	23.....		3,880	3,390	1,800	3,080
9.....		8,950	1,680	8,950	2,770	24.....		3,550	6,610	1,800	2,340
10.....		8,350	1,440	7,380	4,400	25.....		2,920	14,600	1,680	2,620
11.....		7,960	25,300	7,180	6,800	26.....			2,620	13,700	1,560
12.....		7,570	23,700	6,800	6,610	27.....		13,500	3,550	13,500	1,320
13.....		10,400	14,200	6,420	6,230	28.....		12,900	2,920	13,100	1,320
14.....		9,970	7,570	4,760	5,860	29.....		11,200	2,620	21,900	1,260
15.....		8,350	6,610	4,230	6,230	30.....		10,400	2,060	19,600	1,160
						31.....		9,150		22,500	1,100

NOTE.—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1913, from a rating curve well defined between 80 and 600 second-feet; May 27 to Sept. 30, 1915, from a rating curve well defined between 1,100 and 40,000 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Skunk River at Augusta, Iowa, for the periods Oct. 1 to Nov. 15, 1913, and May 27 to Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 4,290 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1913.						
October.....	527	66	205	0.048	0.06	A.
November 1-15.....	135	63	101	.024	.01	B.
1915.						
May 27-31.....	13,500	9,150	11,400	2.66	.49	B.
June.....	10,400	2,060	5,350	1.25	1.40	A.
July.....	25,300	1,210	8,390	1.96	2.26	A.
August.....	23,400	1,100	7,730	1.80	2.08	A.
September.....	17,000	1,100	5,490	1.28	1.43	A.

#### DES MOINES RIVER AT KALO, IOWA.

LOCATION.—At highway bridge at Kalo, Webster County, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Otho, a station on the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad, and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles above the mouth of Holiday Creek, which enters from the left.

DRAINAGE AREA.—4,170 square miles (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—October 18, 1913, to September 30, 1915, except October, 1914, to March 21, 1915, when the station was temporarily discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream side of bridge in middle of right span; read once daily by S. C. Fuller.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—At high stages made from bridge, to which gage is attached; at low stages by wading.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—No well-defined control; channel consists of gravel and is fairly permanent; point of zero flow estimated to be at gage height  $-1.0 \pm 0.2$  foot.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year and since station was established, 14.0 feet at 8 a. m. May 30 (discharge, 18,500 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.3 feet at 8.10 a. m. May 20 (discharge 1,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded 1913–1915, 0.6 foot November 17, 1913 (discharge, 190 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice; observations discontinued during winter months.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered excellent.

*Discharge measurements of Des Moines River at Kalo, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Apr. 22	C. Herlofson.....	4.16	2,640
May 31	A. Davis.....	12.72	16,100

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Des Moines River at Kalo, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		7,200	1,800	14,600	3,590	3,100	1,910
2.....		6,450	1,800	12,300	3,460	4,930	1,820
3.....		6,300	1,980	11,000	2,980	5,500	1,730
4.....		6,150	2,270	9,990	3,100	5,500	1,560
5.....		5,870	2,270	9,480	2,860	5,350	1,560
6.....		5,590	2,270	8,130	1,910	5,500	1,480
7.....		5,310	2,270	7,330	1,820	5,950	1,400
8.....		5,040	2,070	6,400	1,910	6,100	1,560
9.....		5,040	1,980	5,800	1,820	6,250	1,480
10.....		4,910	1,890	5,500	1,820	5,950	1,400
11.....		4,780	1,620	5,210	3,100	5,500	1,320
12.....		4,650	1,450	5,070	2,100	5,350	1,320
13.....		4,390	1,370	5,070	2,000	5,210	1,480
14.....		4,150	1,290	5,070	1,910	4,650	2,740
15.....		4,150	1,290	4,510	1,820	4,120	3,100
16.....		3,910	1,210	3,980	2,100	3,590	2,520
17.....		3,670	1,140	3,340	1,820	3,460	2,520
18.....		3,430	1,070	3,220	2,520	3,340	2,520
19.....		3,210	1,000	2,860	4,370	3,100	2,410
20.....		2,990	1,000	2,860	4,650	2,980	3,340
21.....	5,310	2,880	1,210	2,860	4,240	2,860	2,860
22.....	8,500	2,670	1,530	2,740	3,850	2,860	2,630
23.....	6,450	2,470	2,070	2,520	3,720	2,860	2,410
24.....	7,680	2,370	2,880	2,740	3,590	2,860	2,300
25.....	8,840	2,170	5,730	3,590	3,460	2,520	2,200
26.....	9,350	2,070	7,200	4,110	3,460	2,200	5,210
27.....	8,670	2,070	8,670	4,110	3,220	2,000	5,210
28.....	7,680	1,980	11,600	3,980	3,220	2,000	5,350
29.....	8,840	1,890	15,800	3,980	3,220	2,100	4,510
30.....	8,670	1,890	18,500	3,860	3,100	2,200	3,980
31.....	8,160		16,300		3,100	2,100	

NOTE.—Discharge computed from two well-defined rating curves. Aug. 15, interpolated.



*Monthly discharge of Des Moines River at Kalo, Iowa, for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

[Drainage area, 4,170 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1913-14.						
November 5-30.....	303	190	239	0.057	0.06	C.
December 1-18.....	303	110	216	.052	.03	D.
March 22-31.....	380	213	285	.068	.03	C.
April.....	679	254	360	.086	.10	B.
May.....	3,340	303	914	.219	.25	B.
June.....	6,530	790	4,180	.100	.11	B.
July.....	4,580	762	2,180	.523	.60	C.
August.....	706	254	411	.098	.11	B.
September.....	734	286	489	.117	.13	B.
1915.						
March 21-31.....	9,350	5,310	8,010	1.92	.79	A.
April.....	7,200	1,890	3,990	.956	1.07	A.
May.....	18,500	1,000	4,020	.964	1.11	A.
June.....	14,600	2,520	5,540	1.33	1.48	B.
July.....	4,650	1,820	2,900	.695	.80	B.
August.....	6,250	2,000	3,940	.944	1.09	B.
September.....	5,350	1,320	2,530	.606	.68	B.

#### DES MOINES RIVER AT DES MOINES, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At the Walnut Street Bridge at Des Moines, Polk County, about one-third mile above mouth of Raccoon River and about 205 miles above the mouth of the Des Moines.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—6,180 square miles. Effective area at high stages, including Raccoon River, 9,770 square miles. Measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—October 2, 1902, to August 3, 1903; October 1, 1914, to September 30, 1915 at the Walnut Street Bridge. From May 26, 1905, to July 20, 1906, records were collected at the Interurban Bridge near Highland Park about 5 miles above the present station. The United States Weather Bureau has maintained a gage at the Locust Street Bridge from July 1, 1897, to January, 1912, and at the Walnut Street Bridge from January, 1912, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—The original Weather Bureau gage is a staff at the Locust Street Bridge one block above the Walnut Street Bridge. In January, 1912, a Friez water-stage recorder was installed by the United States Weather Bureau in and near the south end of the second pier from the east abutment of the Walnut Street Bridge. This gage is set to read the same as Locust Street gage. A copper float in a 9-inch pipe connects with the register at the top, which is graduated to record graphically stages from 0 to 33 feet. Gage zero is 774.74 feet above sea level.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made at any one of several bridges below the power dam according to the stage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel satisfactory for accurate measurements. A sheet-piling dam was constructed about 300 feet above the old mouth of Raccoon River about September, 1913. This dam, called a "beauty dam," is for the purpose of raising the low-water stage of the river a few feet, thus improving the appearance of the river through the park along the bank. The pooled water from this dam extends past the gage to the power dam at low water. The dam thus forms a permanent control at low stages. It is drowned out at stages of 8 to 10 feet, depending on the stage in Raccoon River.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year: 16.0 feet June 1; minimum stage recorded, 1.7 feet December 13 and 31.

1897–1915: Maximum stage recorded, 22.6 feet May 31, 1903; minimum stage recorded, 0.8 foot at various times.

**WINTER FLOW.**—The effect of the power dam above the station is to improve the conditions of winter flow, but severe winters and occasional ice jams below the gage often seriously affect the discharge relation.

**REGULATION.**—The Edison Power & Light Co.'s dam, about one-fourth mile above the gage, causes slight diurnal fluctuation of stage. The dam is practically drowned out at a stage of 18 feet, although there is a perceptible ripple with a stage of 21 or 22 feet.

**COOPERATION.**—The gage heights are furnished by the United States Weather Bureau.

Estimates of discharge withheld until additional data are collected.

*Discharge measurements of Des Moines River at Des Moines, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.		Discharge.
		Locust street gage.	Walnut street gage.	
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec-ft.</i>
Apr. 23 <sup>a</sup>	Bolster and Herlofson.....	4.99	4.87	3,520
May 29 <sup>b</sup>	A. Davis.....	15.10	15.21	23,300
June 6 <sup>b</sup>	do.....	10.80	10.78	15,100

<sup>a</sup> Made from Grand Avenue Bridge.

<sup>b</sup> Made from Court Avenue Bridge.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Des Moines River at Des Moines, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	3.7	4.1	3.4	1.8	2.0	8.2	7.8	4.5	16.0	6.3	7.2	4.8
2.....	3.6	4.0	3.4	1.9	1.9	7.7	7.4	4.4	15.6	6.1	7.5	4.7
3.....	3.6	3.9	3.4	2.0	2.0	7.3	7.0	4.5	14.4	5.8	8.2	4.6
4.....	3.6	3.9	3.4	1.9	1.8	7.0	6.6	4.6	13.0	5.6	8.0	4.6
5.....	3.6	3.9	3.4	1.9	1.9	6.5	6.5	4.7	12.0	5.3	7.9	4.4
6.....	3.6	3.8	3.4	2.8	3.0	5.9	6.4	4.8	10.8	5.3	7.8	4.3
7.....	4.0	3.8	3.4	2.8	2.6	5.5	6.3	4.9	10.2	5.2	8.1	4.2
8.....	4.4	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.3	5.4	6.2	4.8	9.7	5.2	7.6	4.2
9.....	4.7	3.8	3.4	3.0	2.3	5.4	6.1	4.8	8.9	5.1	7.4	4.3
10.....	4.9	3.8	3.3	3.5	2.4	5.3	6.0	4.7	8.1	5.0	7.2	4.2
11.....	5.2	3.7	2.8	3.5	2.8	5.3	6.0	4.6	7.4	5.2	7.0	4.4
12.....	5.2	3.7	2.3	3.5	3.8	5.3	6.0	4.5	6.8	5.2	6.8	4.3
13.....	5.0	3.6	1.7	3.5	4.4	5.3	5.9	4.3	6.5	5.2	6.6	4.2
14.....	4.8	3.6	1.8	3.5	8.8	5.1	5.8	4.2	6.2	5.1	6.5	4.1
15.....	4.9	3.6	1.8	3.5	6.3	5.2	5.7	4.1	6.1	5.0	6.4	4.2
16.....	5.2	3.6	2.5	3.5	5.3	5.5	5.6	4.0	6.2	5.5	6.1	5.0
17.....	5.2	3.5	2.8	3.2	6.1	6.0	5.5	3.9	5.9	5.7	6.0	5.4
18.....	5.0	3.5	2.6	3.2	6.8	6.9	5.3	3.9	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.4
19.....	4.9	2.4	2.6	2.8	9.4	7.8	5.2	3.8	5.4	8.1	5.9	5.3
20.....	4.7	1.8	2.4	2.7	10.3	8.6	5.1	3.8	5.4	9.6	5.6	5.2
21.....	4.6	2.0	2.5	2.5	11.3	8.5	5.0	3.8	5.5	9.5	5.4	5.6
22.....	4.5	3.3	2.3	2.7	12.1	8.0	5.0	4.0	5.5	9.2	5.4	6.1
23.....	4.4	3.0	2.3	2.1	13.0	7.6	4.9	4.3	5.4	7.7	5.8	5.6
24.....	4.4	3.5	2.5	2.0	13.3	7.7	4.8	4.6	5.2	7.8	5.7	5.4
25.....	4.4	3.5	2.6	2.0	13.4	8.4	4.7	4.9	5.1	8.2	5.4	5.2
26.....	4.4	3.5	2.1	2.1	12.4	8.9	4.6	7.0	6.4	7.3	5.2	5.5
27.....	4.3	3.5	2.0	2.0	10.3	9.1	4.6	9.0	7.0	7.0	5.0	8.1
28.....	4.2	3.4	1.8	1.9	9.1	9.0	4.6	12.7	7.6	7.5	4.9	10.1
29.....	4.2	3.5	1.9	1.9	.....	8.6	4.6	14.7	7.4	10.6	4.9	10.7
30.....	4.2	3.4	1.8	1.8	.....	8.2	4.5	15.5	6.7	9.3	4.8	10.9
31.....	4.1	.....	1.7	1.9	.....	8.0	.....	15.7	.....	8.1	4.8	.....

## DES MOINES RIVER AT KEOSAUQUA, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At county bridge, Keosauqua, Van Buren County, one-fourth mile above old dam site and Government locks. No important tributary enters Des Moines River for several miles up or down stream.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—At gaging station, 13,900 square miles; at mouth, 14,300 square miles (revised measurements from United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—May 30, 1903, to July 21, 1906; April 5 to December 31, 1910 (United States Engineer Corps); August 3, 1911, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to an upstream vertical of bridge; read once daily by Frank Schreckengast.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel shifts considerably at flood stages. Control is a gravel riffle about one-fourth mile below gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year about 18.5 feet, early in the morning of August 3 (discharge, about 63,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.70 foot November 24 and 28 (discharge, 1,190 second-feet).

Maximum stage since 1850 and probably in the last century: 27.9 feet June 1, 1903 (discharge, 97,000 second-feet); maximum stage about June 1, 1851, about 24 feet (discharge, about 80,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1903-1915; zero August 28 to September 6, 1911 (discharge, 160 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice; observations discontinued during winter months.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered fair.

The following discharge measurement was made by Egbert and Davis:

June 4, 1915: Gage height, 15.30 feet; discharge, 51,900 second-feet.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Des Moines River at Keosauqua, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Feb.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.	3,200	2,770	-----	-----	5,310	45,000	16,900	53,000	6,340
2.	3,000	2,570	-----	-----	4,570	53,000	14,300	56,000	5,800
3.	2,800	2,470	-----	-----	4,570	56,000	12,400	62,000	5,530
4.	2,600	2,370	-----	-----	4,570	53,000	13,700	38,000	5,000
5.	2,500	2,280	-----	-----	4,810	49,500	11,800	25,000	5,000
6.	2,500	2,090	-----	12,000	5,570	46,000	8,850	20,500	4,740
7.	2,600	2,090	-----	11,500	5,570	42,000	11,200	18,500	4,480
8.	3,000	2,090	-----	11,000	5,310	36,000	12,400	17,000	4,220
9.	4,000	2,000	-----	11,000	5,570	30,000	12,400	18,000	6,880
10.	8,000	2,000	-----	10,700	5,570	26,000	13,000	15,500	7,160
11.	9,870	2,000	-----	10,100	5,060	25,000	17,500	13,700	10,600
12.	11,000	1,910	-----	9,870	5,060	23,000	12,700	12,700	11,200
13.	9,870	1,910	-----	9,870	4,570	24,000	12,400	11,800	8,280
14.	8,790	1,820	-----	9,870	4,090	20,000	13,700	11,200	5,800
15.	7,710	1,740	-----	9,600	4,090	16,000	19,500	11,200	5,260
16.	7,170	1,570	26,200	9,060	3,860	14,000	15,200	11,200	5,530
17.	7,170	1,570	25,900	8,790	3,410	12,400	18,200	11,800	5,800
18.	7,980	1,570	20,000	7,980	3,190	12,100	20,800	14,300	20,200
19.	7,710	1,490	17,600	7,710	3,080	17,500	28,100	14,600	17,200
20.	7,170	1,490	16,000	7,170	3,190	17,200	31,000	14,000	12,400
21.	5,570	1,420	20,000	6,630	5,060	14,900	32,000	14,900	8,280
22.	5,060	1,340	25,000	6,360	4,570	12,700	33,000	14,300	9,140
23.	4,810	1,260	29,300	6,090	3,520	11,200	36,000	10,600	7,720
24.	4,570	1,190	32,500	5,570	3,630	10,600	59,000	8,280	7,720
25.	4,090	1,260	33,100	5,570	5,570	9,430	46,000	8,280	6,610
26.	3,630	1,260	32,200	5,310	12,600	11,200	31,000	8,000	7,720
27.	3,520	1,260	-----	5,060	18,800	8,850	22,000	7,160	26,400
28.	3,410	1,190	-----	4,570	25,000	11,800	32,000	6,610	28,800
29.	3,080	1,260	-----	4,570	27,000	11,800	45,000	6,070	27,800
30.	2,800	1,260	-----	6,090	32,000	12,400	50,000	5,800	27,000
31.	2,980	-----	-----	-----	36,000	-----	52,000	5,800	-----

**NOTE.**—Discharge determined as follows: Oct. 1-10, estimated from discharge of Des Moines River at Des Moines; Oct. 11 to Nov. 30, Feb. 16-26 (except Feb. 20 and 21, which was estimated), and Apr. 6 to May 27, from a rating curve well defined between 1,000 and 35,000 second-feet; May 28 to Sept. 30, except May 30 to June 16 and July 20 to Aug. 10, which was determined by indirect method for shifting channel, from a rating curve well defined between 1,500 and 15,000 second-feet. The gage was not read Dec. 1 to Feb. 15 and Feb. 27 to Apr. 5. The mean flow for December was less than 1,000 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Des Moines River at Keosauqua, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 13,900 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
October.....	11,000	2,500	5,240	0.377	0.43	A.
November.....	2,770	1,190	1,750	.126	.14	A.
February 16-26.....	33,100	16,000	25,300	1.82	.74	A.
April 6-30.....	12,000	4,570	8,080	.582	.54	A.
May.....	36,000	3,080	8,540	.615	.71	A.
June.....	56,000	8,850	24,400	1.76	1.96	A.
July.....	59,000	8,850	24,300	1.75	2.02	A.
August.....	62,000	5,800	17,600	1.27	1.46	A.
September.....	28,800	4,220	10,500	.755	.84	A.

#### RACCOON RIVER AT VAN METER, IOWA.

**LOCATION.**—At highway bridge about one-third mile from railroad station, about 1 mile below South Raccoon River, and about 30 miles above junction of Raccoon River with Des Moines River.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—At gaging station, 3,410 square miles; at mouth, 3,590 square miles (measured on United States Geological Survey map of scale 1 to 500,000).

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—April 25 to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream handrail of bridge about 25 feet from right end of bridge; read once daily by E. C. Trindle.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from bridge to which gage is attached.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Bed of stream sandy and subject to change. River divided into two channels at low and medium stages by an island with the water surface slightly higher in the left channel than in the right at extreme low water; right bank high and will not overflow; left bank overflows at a stage of about 11 feet. At extreme high stage this overflow will extend for several thousand feet beyond left end of bridge.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 13.8 feet at 7 a. m. May 29; discharge, 22,900 second-feet; minimum stage recorded, 1.0 foot May 19 (discharge, 540 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice; observations discontinued during the winter.

**ACCURACY.**—Results considered good.

*Discharge measurements of Raccoon River at Van Meter, Iowa, during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Apr. 24	C. Harlofson.....	3.71	1,010
May 29	A. Davis.....	15.61	21,900
June 5	.....do.....	9.75	7,770

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Racoon River at Van Meter, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		762	12,800	1,760	5,580	1,140	16.....		632	2,110	4,080	1,520	860
2.....		860	11,000	2,020	5,320	1,070	17.....		600	1,930	5,320	2,980	1,070
3.....		2,290	9,690	1,360	4,200	1,000	18.....		570	2,110	6,820	2,980	1,520
4.....		1,210	8,760	1,360	3,620	930	19.....		540	1,930	13,900	2,880	1,680
5.....		1,140	7,850	1,210	3,300	930	20.....		570	2,020	10,800	2,480	1,600
6.....		1,140	6,400	1,070	2,980	860	21.....		1,070	2,020	11,700	2,020	1,360
7.....		1,210	6,120	2,020	2,580	795	22.....		1,520	2,110	7,550	1,840	1,210
8.....		1,210	6,260	1,840	2,290	860	23.....		1,360	2,020	6,540	1,680	2,110
9.....		1,140	5,840	1,680	2,020	1,280	24.....		1,760	1,930	5,980	1,440	2,780
10.....		1,000	6,400	2,110	1,840	1,070	25.....	1,000	2,380	1,840	5,580	1,280	2,380
11.....		930	3,960	3,400	1,680	1,000	26.....	930	4,560	1,600	4,560	1,210	2,380
12.....		860	3,190	4,320	1,600	860	27.....	1,600	7,700	1,360	3,740	1,210	4,810
13.....		795	2,880	5,320	2,380	930	28.....	1,140	16,200	1,280	8,450	1,140	8,300
14.....		762	2,480	3,190	2,020	930	29.....	1,000	22,900	1,210	11,000	1,360	14,600
15.....		762	2,200	2,380	1,760	860	30.....	930	15,900	1,140	8,450	1,210	18,700
							31.....		15,600		6,540	1,210	

NOTE.—Discharge computed from a rating curve well defined between 500 and 25,000 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Racoon River at Van Meter, Iowa, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 3,410 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
April 25-30.....	1,600	930	1,100	0.323	0.07	B.
May.....	22,900	540	3,550	1.04	1.20	A.
June.....	12,800	1,140	4,080	1.20	1.34	A.
July.....	13,900	1,140	5,030	1.48	1.71	A.
August.....	5,580	1,140	2,310	.677	.78	A.
September.....	18,700	795	2,660	.780	.87	A.

#### KANKAKEE RIVER AT MOMENCE, ILL.

LOCATION.—At the highway bridge in Momence, about one-half mile below the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad bridge.

DRAINAGE AREA.—2,340 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—February 22, 1905, to July 20, 1906; December 3, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to the bridge over left channel; read daily, morning and evening, to hundredths, by Oscar Conrad.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from upstream side of the bridge across the two channels.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Solid rock; practically permanent; river at gage divided into two channels by an island. Aquatic growth covers bed of river during summer. Recent measurements show that there has been a change in the discharge relation as expressed by the rating curve used prior to July 20, 1906.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 3.90 feet at 8 a. m. July 11 (discharge, 4,640 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.62 feet at 4 p. m. December 3 (discharge, 474 second-feet).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice during parts of November, December, and January.

ACCURACY.—Results good for periods when discharge was unaffected by ice or aquatic growth. Results fair for periods when grass was growing in channel.

*Discharge measurements of Kankakee River at Momence, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Dec. 3	Peterson and Freund..	1.62	458	Apr. 30	William Kesler.....	2.00	972
Feb. 18	William Kesler.....	2.90	2,880	June 17	.....do.....	2.47	α 1,610
Mar. 16	.....do.....	2.25	1,490	July 14	.....do.....	3.47	α 3,690
Apr. 30	.....do.....	2.00	1,010				

α Aquatic growth in bed of river.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kankakee River at Momence, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.			2,280	975	990	2,620	990	1,420	990
2.			2,160	945	1,070	2,620	990	1,420	990
3.		474	2,050	915	1,070	2,500	990	2,160	930
4.		498	2,050	714	1,070	2,390	990	2,500	930
5.		510	2,050	635	1,070	2,280	1,150	2,390	930
6.		510	2,050	596	1,150	2,160	1,070	2,160	930
7.		522	1,940	510	1,150	2,160	1,150	1,830	990
8.		534	1,940	462	1,150	2,050	1,240	1,420	945
9.		546	1,940	414	1,240	2,050	1,240	1,240	945
10.		546	1,940	390	1,240	2,050	1,420	1,150	870
11.		570	1,830	402	1,240	2,050	4,640	1,070	870
12.		596	1,720	450	1,330	2,050	4,110	1,070	870
13.			1,620	570	1,520	2,050	4,110	1,150	870
14.			1,520	635	1,620	2,050	4,110	990	812
15.			1,520	742	2,390	1,830	4,640	1,070	742
16.			1,420	840	2,390	1,720	4,110	1,240	674
17.			1,420	915	2,280	1,720	4,110	1,330	812
18.		2,860	1,420	915	2,160	1,520	3,600	1,240	885
19.		2,860	1,330	945	2,050	1,520	2,980	1,150	885
20.		2,860	1,330	990	1,720	1,420	2,740	1,070	960
21.		2,980	1,330	1,150	1,420	1,240	2,160	1,070	1,070
22.		2,860	1,330	1,240	1,330	1,150	1,940	1,240	1,150
23.		2,860	1,240	1,330	1,330	1,150	1,720	1,150	1,150
24.		2,740	1,240	1,330	1,420	1,150	1,620	1,150	1,150
25.		3,850	1,150	1,240	1,420	1,070	1,420	1,620	1,150
26.		5,180	1,070	1,240	1,330	990	1,330	1,620	1,150
27.		2,500	1,070	1,150	1,330	915	1,240	1,420	1,150
28.		2,390	1,070	1,150	1,720	840	1,240	1,330	1,150
29.			1,070	1,070	2,390	840	1,420	1,240	1,150
30.			1,070	990	2,740	770	1,520	1,150	1,150
31.			990		2,740		1,420	1,070	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a well-defined rating curve. Because of backwater caused by grass in channel, indirect method for shifting channels was used for computing discharge May 26 to Sept. 30. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records as follows: Dec. 13–31, 550 second-feet; Jan. 1–15, 550 second-feet; Jan. 5–31, 700 second-feet; and Feb. 1–17, 2,500 second-feet. These estimates for the period, when the discharge relation is believed to have been affected by backwater from ice, are based upon insufficient data and should be used with caution.

*Monthly discharge of Kankakee River at Momence, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,340 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
December.....			543	0.232	0.25	D.
January.....			627	.268	.31	D.
February.....			2,730	1.17	1.22	D.
March.....	2,280	990	1,550	.662	.76	A.
April.....	1,330	390	862	.363	.41	A.
May.....	2,740	990	1,580	.675	.78	B.
June.....	2,620	770	1,700	.727	.81	B.
July.....	4,640	990	2,170	.927	1.07	B.
August.....	2,500	990	1,390	.594	.68	C.
September.....	1,150	674	975	.417	.47	C.

#### KANKAKEE RIVER AT CUSTER PARK, ILL.

LOCATION.—At Wabash Railroad bridge at Custer Park; about one-half mile above Horse Creek and about 15 miles below the power dam at Kankakee.

DRAINAGE AREA.—4,870 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—November 6, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to hundredths, by J. H. Swords.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Solid rock strewn with large boulders and gravel; right half of channel deep with fissures in bed; left half shallow.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year: 12.60 feet at 5.30 p. m. July 11 (discharge, 21,300 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 4.09 feet at 8.20 a. m. November 15 (discharge not determined).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice during part of December, January, and February.

REGULATION.—Operation of power plants at Kankakee cause fluctuation at the gage.

ACCURACY.—Gage readings reliable; records good except during winter.

*Discharge measurements of Kankakee River at Custer Park, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
Nov. 21	Peterson and Kessler...	<i>Feet.</i> 4.87	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> a 333	May 11	William Kessler.....	<i>Feet.</i> 5.74	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 1,350
Feb. 24	William Kessler.....	7.22	4,150	July 13	.....do.....	11.11	15,800
Apr. 10	.....do.....	5.59	1,380	.....do.....	.....do.....	10.93	15,600
May 1	.....do.....	5.57	1,220				

a Thin ice cover on river.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kankakee River at Custer Park, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....		611	.....	3,470	1,340	1,340	5,130	1,480	7,580	2,130
2.....		611	.....	3,070	1,280	1,280	4,880	1,640	8,790	1,880
3.....		611	.....	2,880	1,340	1,480	4,880	1,640	14,000	2,130
4.....		611	.....	2,690	1,210	1,340	5,380	1,640	12,600	1,960
5.....		611	.....	2,500	1,140	1,340	5,130	2,040	10,000	1,800
6.....	567	611	.....	2,500	1,080	1,340	4,880	1,960	7,880	1,800
7.....	535	655	.....	2,500	1,210	1,480	4,390	1,800	6,170	1,960
8.....	551	655	.....	2,600	1,080	1,640	3,680	2,500	5,130	1,800
9.....	526	655	.....	2,310	1,140	1,480	4,390	2,400	4,390	2,220
10.....	502	655	.....	2,600	1,140	1,560	3,070	2,880	3,680	1,880
11.....	611	655	.....	2,500	1,280	1,480	2,880	19,500	3,070	2,220
12.....	551	611	.....	2,400	1,480	2,310	2,690	19,200	2,880	1,880
13.....	551	655	.....	2,310	1,480	1,410	2,500	16,000	2,880	1,880
14.....	559	.....	.....	1,880	1,720	1,210	2,500	14,000	2,690	2,880
15.....	250	.....	.....	1,960	1,560	1,280	2,310	16,000	2,880	2,600
16.....	535	.....	6,170	1,800	1,480	1,410	2,500	16,400	3,070	2,130
17.....	410	.....	5,130	1,960	1,480	2,130	2,130	15,300	4,630	1,720
18.....	250	.....	4,150	1,640	1,410	2,880	2,040	16,700	3,910	2,130
19.....	567	.....	3,910	1,640	1,280	1,800	2,220	11,600	3,270	3,910
20.....	350	.....	3,470	1,340	1,340	1,720	1,880	10,000	3,270	4,630
21.....	330	.....	3,070	1,340	1,280	1,560	1,800	8,480	3,910	6,170
22.....	410	.....	3,270	1,640	1,340	1,640	1,720	7,290	6,720	5,900
23.....	478	.....	3,270	1,410	1,960	1,640	1,640	6,440	6,170	5,130
24.....	502	.....	4,150	1,560	2,220	2,130	1,560	5,640	6,440	4,390
25.....	551	.....	4,880	1,720	2,310	2,040	1,560	4,880	8,480	3,680
26.....	518	.....	4,880	1,560	2,400	2,040	1,560	5,640	7,290	a 3,920
27.....	567	.....	4,390	1,410	2,040	1,800	1,410	5,900	5,900	a 4,160
28.....	567	.....	3,680	1,340	1,880	1,880	1,410	5,640	4,880	a 4,400
29.....	611	.....	.....	1,340	1,720	2,500	1,340	5,900	3,910	4,630
30.....	611	.....	.....	1,480	1,480	3,680	1,280	7,290	2,690	4,630
31.....	.....	.....	.....	1,280	.....	4,630	.....	7,580	2,400	.....

a Interpolated.

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a fairly well-defined rating curve. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records, as follows: Nov. 17 and 19-22, daily estimates; Dec. 14-31, 600 second-feet; Jan. 1-15, 600 second-feet; Jan. 16-31, 800 second-feet; and Feb. 1-15, 3,000 second-feet. These estimates for the period when the discharge relation is believed to have been affected by ice are based upon insufficient data and should be used with caution.

*Monthly discharge of Kankakee River at Custer Park, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 4,870 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
November 6-30.....	611	250	498	0.102	0.09	C.
December.....	.....	.....	613	.126	.15	D.
January.....	.....	.....	703	.144	.17	D.
February.....	.....	.....	3,550	.729	.76	D.
March.....	3,470	1,280	2,020	.415	.48	B.
April.....	2,400	1,080	1,500	.308	.34	B.
May.....	4,630	1,210	1,850	.380	.44	B.
June.....	5,380	1,280	2,820	.579	.65	B.
July.....	19,500	1,480	7,920	1.63	1.88	B.
August.....	14,000	2,400	5,530	1.14	1.31	B.
September.....	6,170	1,720	3,080	.632	.71	B.

#### DES PLAINES RIVER AT LEMONT, ILL.

LOCATION.—At concrete highway bridge at Stephens Street, about one-fourth mile north of main section of Lemont; about 8 miles above the junction of Des Plaines River and the Chicago Drainage Canal

DRAINAGE AREA.—705 square miles.



RECORDS AVAILABLE.—November 4, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Enamel staff gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and evening, to hundredths, by T. Foley.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Solid rock; aquatic plants cover the bed of the river during July, August, and September.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 5.1 feet at 6.15 p. m., May 31, 7 a. m. and 5.30 p. m. June 1, and 7 a. m. June 2 (discharge, 2,490 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.60 foot November 26 (discharge, 3.9 second-feet; measured by current meter).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

ACCURACY.—Aquatic plants in channel affect discharge relation; gage readings reliable; records good except during winter.

*Discharge measurements of Des Plaines River at Lemont, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 3	William Kessler.....	1.30	<sup>a</sup> 135	Mar. 3	William Kessler.....	1.37	158
4	do.....	1.13	<sup>a</sup> 94	Apr. 24	do.....	1.24	<sup>a</sup> 82.2
26	B. J. Peterson.....	.60	3.9	June 1	C. U. Freund.....	5.10	2,490
Feb. 22	William Kessler.....	3.85	1,320	July 31	William Kessler.....	3.25	<sup>a</sup> 562
23	do.....	3.90	1,440	Aug. 5	J. B. Fountain.....	5.05	<sup>a</sup> 1,730

<sup>a</sup> Backwater from aquatic plants.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Des Plaines River at Lemont, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Nov.	Dec.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.	-----	9	-----	1,250	174	44	2,490	348	752	61
2.	-----	8	-----	1,120	160	43	2,490	300	752	58
3.	-----	14	-----	1,000	158	50	2,380	250	972	52
4.	-----	88	-----	832	138	63	2,180	204	1,520	44
5.	-----	61	-----	673	138	75	1,900	234	1,680	43
6.	-----	60	-----	548	129	75	1,480	190	1,520	48
7.	-----	84	-----	478	113	88	1,250	190	1,220	60
8.	-----	52	-----	414	102	92	1,120	204	972	126
9.	-----	39	-----	374	100	90	1,060	234	805	84
10.	-----	30	-----	336	113	88	943	266	597	80
11.	-----	29	-----	355	111	94	832	478	478	138
12.	-----	28	-----	478	117	83	887	414	394	138
13.	-----	27	-----	524	113	73	1,560	355	355	115
14.	-----	29	-----	524	153	72	1,900	283	355	104
15.	-----	28	-----	524	156	58	1,990	300	414	94
16.	-----	24	-----	572	153	66	1,900	355	456	126
17.	-----	23	-----	572	126	300	1,810	414	374	176
18.	-----	22	-----	597	117	597	1,720	355	300	219
19.	-----	20	-----	597	124	501	1,640	300	266	336
20.	-----	18	-----	572	120	355	1,480	250	234	394
21.	-----	18	-----	1,480	548	104	318	1,480	219	234
22.	-----	17	-----	1,320	478	94	394	1,400	190	219
23.	-----	14	-----	1,480	435	92	943	1,180	176	190
24.	-----	11	-----	1,640	374	84	943	1,000	150	163
25.	-----	10	-----	1,720	374	75	778	832	150	150
26.	-----	9	-----	1,720	336	72	648	699	126	150
27.	-----	9	-----	1,480	300	68	887	622	115	126
28.	-----	9	-----	1,320	266	72	1,180	524	115	104
29.	-----	7	-----	283	66	1,320	456	283	84	524
30.	-----	7	-----	219	56	1,900	394	394	75	524
31.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,380	-----	597	63	-----

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a fairly well-defined rating curve. Indirect method for shifting channel used for determining discharge Nov. 4 to Dec. 20, Apr. 6 to May 29, and July 1 to Sept. 30. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic record, as follows: Dec. 21-31, 20 second-feet; Jan. 1-31, 40 second-feet; Feb. 1-20, 1,000 second-feet. Estimates for the period when the discharge relation is believed to have been affected by ice are based upon insufficient data and should be used with caution.

*Monthly discharge of Des Plaines River at Lemont, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 705 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
November 4-30.....	88	7	28.6	0.041	0.04	C.
December.....		8	15.6	.022	.03	D.
January.....			40.0	.657	.07	D.
February.....			1,150	1.63	1.70	D.
March.....	1,250	219	522	.740	.85	B.
April.....	174	56	113	.190	.18	B.
May.....	2,380	43	471	.608	.77	C.
June.....	2,490	394	1,390	1.97	2.20	B.
July.....	597	115	272	.386	.45	C.
August.....	1,680	63	515	.730	.84	B.
September.....	524	43	217	.308	.34	C.

#### DES PLAINES RIVER AT ROMEO, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In T. 36 N., R. 10 E., third principal meridian; at highway bridge about three-fourths mile west of Romeo, Will County; about 3 miles above the junction of Des Plaines River and the Chicago drainage canal.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—Not measured.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—September 7 to October 31, 1914, when station was discontinued; re-established November 4, 1914, at Lemont, about 5 miles upstream.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to downstream side of the second of four bridges from Romeo; read daily, morning and afternoon, to quarter-tenths, by Fred Boehme.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of four bridges.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Four channels; rock bottom; control probably permanent.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 1.8 feet at 7 a. m. October 21; minimum stage recorded, 1.35 feet, October 5 to 9.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable. Conditions at this station are not favorable, and it was therefore discontinued and a new station established at Lemont. (*See Des Plaines River at Lemont.*)

No discharge measurements made during 1915.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Des Plaines River at Romeo, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Day.	Oct.	Day.	Oct.
1.....	1.40	11.....	1.45	21.....	1.75
2.....	1.40	12.....	1.45	22.....	1.75
3.....	1.40	13.....	1.45	23.....	1.70
4.....	1.40	14.....	1.46	24.....	1.62
5.....	1.35	15.....	1.42	25.....	1.55
6.....	1.35	16.....	1.40	26.....	1.50
7.....	1.35	17.....	1.40	27.....	1.50
8.....	1.35	18.....	1.41	28.....	1.50
9.....	1.35	19.....	1.48	29.....	1.50
10.....	1.42	20.....	1.62	30.....	
				31.....	1.52

#### DES PLAINES RIVER AT JOLIET, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—At Jackson Street Bridge, Joliet, Will County, about 1,200 feet upstream from Cass Street Bridge.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—Not measured.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—December 3, 1914, to September 30, 1915; on original chain gage September 5 to December 19, 1914.

**GAGE.**—Gurley seven-day water-stage recorder installed December 3. Chain gage attached to downstream side of bridge at Cass Street was read from September 5 to December 19, 1914.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of Cass Street Bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel excavated in solid rock with a concrete wall on either side; probably permanent.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum mean daily discharge during year, 10,980 second-feet, August 3; minimum mean daily discharge, 5,420 second-feet, April 25.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation not affected by ice on account of swift current and rapidly fluctuating stage.

**DIVERSIONS.**—Water is diverted to the Illinois & Michigan Canal at dam No. 1, about 100 feet above the gage.

**REGULATION.**—Flow past the gage is largely regulated by the operation of the power plant of the sanitary district of Chicago at Lockport, which utilizes the flow of the Chicago drainage canal and, to a lesser extent, by the operation of the Economy Light & Power Co.'s plant, about 100 feet above the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Chain-gage readings reliable, but daily discharge obtained from two readings per day is in error owing to rapid fluctuations of stage. Estimates of discharge obtained by means of water-stage recorder good.

*Discharge measurements of Des Plaines River at Joliet, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 29	Horton and Kessler....	a 4.27	5,970	Feb. 27	William Kessler.....	5.46	10,300
Nov. 1	William Kessler.....	a 2.48	2,590	28	do.....	2.47	3,970
4	do.....	a 4.63	6,660	28	do.....	2.52	4,390
Feb. 20	do.....	3.15	5,640	Mar. 14	do.....	5.34	9,690
20	do.....	3.53	6,120	14	do.....	1.87	3,190
20	do.....	5.64	11,000	14	do.....	1.87	3,200
21	do.....	3.49	5,310	15	do.....	5.29	9,740
22	do.....	4.07	7,310	June 19	Kessler and Freund....	5.84	11,400
22	do.....	3.86	6,800	Aug. 8	William Kessler.....	6.00	12,000

a Referred to chain gage datum at Cass Street.

*Discharge measurements of Illinois & Michigan Canal a at Joliet, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height. <sup>b</sup>	Discharge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height. <sup>b</sup>	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Oct. 29	William Kessler.....	7.92	444	Apr. 24	William Kessler.....	7.58	320
Nov. 1	do.....	7.68	358	May 21	do.....	7.55	386
22	B. J. Peterson.....	7.75	c 337				

a See "Diversions" in station description.

b Referred to same datum as chain gage on Des Plaines River at Joliet at Cass Street. See "gage" in station description.

c Mill drawing water from the canal below station not in operation.

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Des Plaines River at Joliet, Ill., for the period Oct. 1 to Dec. 19, 1914.*

[J. S. Staunton, observer.]

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....	4.8	3.4	4.6	11.....	4.4	4.5	21.....	4.0	3.4	.....	.....
2.....	4.8	4.2	4.4	12.....	4.8	4.0	22.....	4.2	3.6	.....	.....
3.....	3.9	3.8	4.5	13.....	4.6	4.6	23.....	4.3	4.3	.....	.....
4.....	4.5	4.2	4.3	14.....	5.4	4.2	24.....	4.4	4.4	.....	.....
5.....	5.2	4.2	3.4	15.....	4.6	4.3	25.....	.....	4.4	.....	.....
6.....	4.9	4.2	3.5	16.....	5.0	4.4	26.....	4.6	3.2	.....	.....
7.....	3.8	3.7	4.6	17.....	4.7	4.2	27.....	4.4	4.0	.....	.....
8.....	4.8	3.7	4.4	18.....	.....	4.3	28.....	4.6	3.4	.....	.....
9.....	4.6	4.2	4.3	19.....	5.0	4.2	29.....	4.2	3.3	.....	.....
10.....	4.4	4.4	4.3	20.....	4.1	4.3	30.....	4.2	4.2	.....	.....
							31.....	3.8	.....	.....	.....

NOTE.—Gage heights represent mean of two readings a day of the chain gage at Cass Street Bridge. Because of the fluctuations in stage, noted under "Regulation," they do not represent the true mean gage height.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Des Plaines River at Joliet, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	.....	6,550	7,370	8,460	<sup>a</sup> 7,560	6,600	10,220	<sup>a</sup> 8,230	7,930	7,940
2.....	.....	7,120	<sup>a</sup> 7,970	8,140	<sup>a</sup> 7,760	6,750	10,000	<sup>a</sup> 8,150	8,480	7,960
3.....	.....	6,510	<sup>a</sup> 8,020	8,140	6,500	7,110	9,950	<sup>a</sup> 7,550	10,980	7,910
4.....	7,640	7,560	7,960	7,770	6,220	7,000	9,680	7,300	10,080	7,710
5.....	7,080	7,090	<sup>a</sup> 8,000	7,670	6,760	7,150	8,870	6,980	10,110	7,590
6.....	6,600	7,290	<sup>a</sup> 7,250	<sup>a</sup> 6,950	6,500	7,130	8,520	7,240	9,730	7,850
7.....	7,770	7,280	<sup>a</sup> 6,630	<sup>a</sup> 6,780	6,800	6,960	8,180	7,530	9,400	8,120
8.....	7,750	7,030	<sup>a</sup> 8,000	<sup>a</sup> 7,360	6,810	6,850	8,000	( <sup>b</sup> )	8,920	8,000
9.....	7,440	6,500	8,340	7,940	6,580	6,640	8,580	<sup>a</sup> 7,570	8,830	8,190
10.....	7,710	6,050	8,330	7,720	6,100	7,310	<sup>a</sup> 8,130	7,690	8,980	8,050
11.....	8,170	7,640	8,240	7,490	5,830	7,330	8,200	8,220	8,650	8,040
12.....	7,220	7,310	8,700	7,880	6,640	7,090	7,960	8,270	8,860	7,960
13.....	7,320	7,110	8,030	7,000	7,230	7,080	8,920	7,470	8,750	8,530
14.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	7,200	<sup>a</sup> 7,880	<sup>a</sup> 6,380	7,000	7,180	9,390	8,200	8,060	8,500
15.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	7,400	9,050	7,780	6,700	6,590	9,580	8,180	8,210	8,440
16.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	6,870	9,480	8,300	6,900	6,710	9,450	8,240	8,280	8,390
17.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	6,740	10,100	8,680	6,450	6,940	9,320	7,340	8,500	8,200
18.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	7,670	9,210	8,320	5,530	7,410	8,820	7,600	8,220	7,450
19.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	7,870	8,970	8,150	6,600	7,800	9,210	7,670	8,360	( <sup>b</sup> )
20.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	7,760	8,200	<sup>a</sup> 8,030	6,910	7,530	8,820	7,920	8,770	( <sup>b</sup> )
21.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	7,550	8,480	<sup>a</sup> 6,560	6,790	6,960	8,600	7,770	8,290	8,080
22.....	7,550	7,630	8,700	<sup>a</sup> 8,300	6,740	<sup>a</sup> 7,140	8,500	7,450	8,070	7,720
23.....	7,580	<sup>a</sup> 7,240	9,100	<sup>a</sup> 8,050	6,750	7,310	8,640	7,000	8,700	( <sup>b</sup> )
24.....	7,430	( <sup>b</sup> )	9,220	7,700	6,000	7,590	8,250	7,520	8,540	( <sup>b</sup> )
25.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	( <sup>b</sup> )	9,400	7,580	5,420	8,040	8,240	6,110	8,630	( <sup>b</sup> )
26.....	( <sup>b</sup> )	( <sup>b</sup> )	9,680	<sup>a</sup> 7,860	6,700	7,990	<sup>a</sup> 8,310	6,730	8,700	7,840
27.....	6,130	( <sup>b</sup> )	8,340	6,810	6,940	7,820	7,820	6,820	8,510	8,180
28.....	6,970	( <sup>b</sup> )	<sup>a</sup> 7,300	<sup>a</sup> 6,640	7,140	8,180	7,730	7,200	7,950	8,500
29.....	7,050	( <sup>b</sup> )	.....	<sup>a</sup> 7,400	7,050	9,050	7,580	7,640	7,580	8,210
30.....	7,840	( <sup>b</sup> )	.....	7,250	6,940	8,930	7,620	8,100	8,260	8,210
31.....	7,370	6,300	.....	7,400	.....	9,660	.....	8,310	8,580	.....

<sup>a</sup> Discharge partly estimated because of incomplete gage height record.

<sup>b</sup> No record.

NOTE.—Daily discharge determined from a well-defined rating curve by means of the Fuller discharge integrator. These estimates do not include the flow in the Illinois & Michigan Canal. (See "Diversions?" in the station description.)

*Monthly discharge of Des Plaines River at Joliet, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.			Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	
February.....	10, 100	7, 250	8, 430	A.
March.....	8, 680	6, 380	7, 630	A.
April.....	7, 760	5, 420	6, 660	A.
May.....	9, 660	6, 590	7, 420	A.
June.....	10, 220	7, 580	8, 700	A.
August.....	10, 980	7, 580	8, 710	A.

NOTE.—Table does not include flow of the Illinois and Michigan canal, which diverts water around the gage. See "Diversions" in station description and measurements of flow in the canal made during the year.

#### FOX RIVER AT SOUTH ELGIN, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 35, T. 41 N., R. 8 E., at highway bridge at South Elgin, Kane County; about 400 feet below the power dam of the Murray & Nickell Manufacturing Co., and about 3 miles below the power dam in the city of Elgin.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,500 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 29, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to quarter-tenths to March 6, 1915, and to hundredths after that date, by C. H. Molitor.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Solid rock, permanent; aquatic plants cover bed of river during summer.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 4.2 feet at 4.30 p. m. February 28 (discharge, 4,520 second-feet); minimum open-water stage recorded, 1.28 feet at 6.55 a. m. January 6 (discharge, 121 second-feet). The minimum during periods when ice was present may have been slightly less.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

**REGULATION.**—Operation of the power plants at Elgin and South Elgin cause considerable fluctuation at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable; estimates only fair because the mean gage height obtained from two readings of the gage per day may be considerably in error owing to fluctuation of stage. Aquatic plants in the channel during periods of the summer affect the discharge relation.

*Discharge measurements of Fox River at South Elgin, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar. 6	William Kessler.....	3. 70	3, 370	May 21	William Kessler.....	2. 32	1, 090
May 5	.....do.....	1. 96	648	June 19	.....do.....	3. 11	2, 160
15	.....do.....	1. 87	583	22	.....do.....	3. 17	2, 290
20	.....do.....	2. 09	824	26	.....do.....	2. 79	1, 640
21	.....do.....	2. 01	765	Aug. 13	Kessler and Fountain..	2. 65	a 918

<sup>a</sup> Aquatic plants in channel.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Fox River at South Elgin, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.				1914.				1914.			
1.....		160	64	11.....		357	218	21.....		61	510
2.....		276	76	12.....		154	190	22.....		47	616
3.....		324	108	13.....		103	211	23.....		45	427
4.....		366	121	14.....		37	232	24.....		79	464
5.....		166	130	15.....		37	239	25.....		82	698
6.....		70	218	16.....		35	218	26.....		73	709
7.....		136	308	17.....		41	253	27.....		121	719
8.....		178	246	18.....		73	292	28.....		108	678
9.....		53	225	19.....		45	276	29.....	375	90	688
10.....		90	211	20.....		35	257	30.....	260	94	688
								31.....	178	76	.....

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.												
1.....	657	935	268	.....	1,040	3,810	1,340	349	1,910	1,100	567	473
2.....	626	935	276	.....	990	3,810	1,280	392	1,990	880	567	366
3.....	626	830	276	.....	597	3,580	1,220	436	1,990	880	668	473
4.....	616	935	232	.....	548	3,580	1,280	427	1,990	772	567	300
5.....	606	880	253	.....	606	3,810	1,280	284	1,990	772	616	410
6.....	510	825	276	130	825	3,360	1,410	260	1,910	719	567	519
7.....	510	678	276	178	538	3,140	1,220	340	1,910	719	519	519
8.....	519	647	253	184	410	2,830	1,160	268	1,910	772	616	473
9.....	384	657	260	178	772	2,830	1,100	284	1,830	772	616	519
10.....	410	558	308	136	880	2,730	1,040	349	1,830	719	519	473
11.....	375	538	268	166	1,220	2,530	880	292	2,160	772	519	410
12.....	375	482	253	178	2,340	2,250	825	197	1,990	668	567	519
13.....	375	501	204	190	2,080	2,160	825	253	1,990	616	567	668
14.....	384	340	184	184	2,340	2,250	880	284	1,990	668	519	410
15.....	375	292	.....	246	1,760	2,080	880	308	1,990	668	668	519
16.....	375	276	.....	375	1,830	1,990	935	349	1,990	567	719	825
17.....	392	253	.....	284	1,680	1,990	825	482	1,910	445	772	1,040
18.....	357	225	.....	324	1,760	2,160	880	401	1,910	410	668	1,160
19.....	445	232	.....	308	1,830	2,080	825	357	1,830	510	668	1,540
20.....	538	276	.....	340	1,990	1,910	719	418	1,910	482	616	1,610
21.....	668	246	.....	375	2,250	1,680	825	657	1,990	436	616	1,680
22.....	678	225	.....	340	2,340	1,760	772	626	1,830	410	616	1,760
23.....	772	232	.....	324	2,730	1,760	772	825	1,760	384	616	1,990
24.....	825	253	.....	292	3,580	1,760	678	825	1,610	284	567	1,990
25.....	880	225	.....	.....	3,810	1,760	647	1,040	1,540	332	616	1,990
26.....	935	260	.....	.....	4,040	1,680	597	1,100	1,480	418	567	2,250
27.....	772	246	.....	.....	3,810	1,610	501	1,220	1,340	375	427	2,160
28.....	825	246	.....	.....	4,280	1,540	384	1,410	1,340	427	384	2,250
29.....	935	246	.....	.....	.....	1,480	436	1,680	1,220	519	519	2,340
30.....	935	276	.....	.....	.....	1,340	392	1,910	1,160	418	616	2,340
31.....	935	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,480	.....	1,910	.....	473	668	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted, determined from rating curve well defined above and poorly defined below 519 second-feet. Indirect method for shifting channel used because of backwater from aquatic plants, July 29 to Sept. 30, 1914, and July 1 to Sept. 30, 1915. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer notes, and climatic records, as follows: Dec. 15-31, 230 second-feet; Jan. 1-5, 300 second-feet; Jan. 25-31, 350 second-feet. Daily discharge for January and February in the above table may be somewhat high on account of using open-water rating.

*Monthly discharge of Fox River, at South Elgin, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-15.*

[Drainage area, 1,500 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet,				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August.....	366	35	117	0.078	0.09	C.
September.....	719	64	346	.231	.26	C.
1914-15.						
October.....	935	357	601	.401	.46	C.
November.....	935	225	460	.307	.34	C.
December.....			242	.161	.19	D.
January.....		130	280	.187	.22	D.
February.....	4,280	410	1,890	1.26	1.31	C.
March.....	3,810	1,340	2,350	1.57	1.81	C.
April.....	1,410	384	894	.596	.67	C.
May.....	1,910	197	643	.429	.49	C.
June.....	2,160	1,160	1,810	1.21	1.35	C.
July.....	1,100	284	593	.395	.46	C.
August.....	772	384	591	.394	.45	C.
September.....	2,340	300	1,130	.753	.84	C.
The year.....	4,280	130	948	.632	8.59	

#### FOX RIVER AT AURORA, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In T. 38 N., R. 8 E., at the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway bridge in the southern part of Aurora, Kane County, about 1½ miles below the power dam in Aurora.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—Not measured.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 29 to October 30, 1914, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to quarter-tenths by Ralph Williams.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from foot-walk on downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Probably permanent; measuring section rough.

**REGULATION.**—Operation of the power plants in Aurora causes fluctuations at the gage.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable. Mean gage height obtained from two readings a day may be in error owing to fluctuation of the stage.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Daily gage height, in feet of Fox River at Aurora, Ill., for the period Oct. 1 to 30, 1914.*

Day.	Oct.	Day.	Oct.	Day.	Oct.
1.....	1.86	11.....	1.60	21.....	1.91
2.....	1.82	12.....	1.75	22.....	1.92
3.....	1.82	13.....	1.65	23.....	1.96
4.....	1.72	14.....	1.68	24.....	2.02
5.....	1.79	15.....	1.62	25.....	2.09
6.....	1.82	16.....	1.71	26.....	2.24
7.....	1.78	17.....	1.78	27.....	2.12
8.....	1.74	18.....	1.79	28.....	2.05
9.....	1.70	19.....	1.80	29.....	2.14
10.....	1.68	20.....	1.84	30.....	2.11
				31.....	

#### FOX RIVER AT WEDRON, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 9, T. 34 N., R. 4 E., at highway bridge at Wedron, La Salle County, about 1,000 feet above Buck Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,500 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—November 5, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, to hundredths, by Nelson Mathias.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from upstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Bed of river at measuring section is soft and probably shifts; control, about 1,000 feet downstream, is of coarse gravel and large boulders and is practically permanent.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 10.00 feet at 4 p. m. February 5 and 6 a. m. June 13 (discharge, 6,450 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.62 feet in afternoon of November 20 (discharge, 105 second-feet; by current meter measurement).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation seriously affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

REGULATION.—Fluctuations in stage during low water caused by power plant at Montgomery.

ACCURACY.—Gage readings reliable; estimates good except during winter.

*Discharge measurements of Fox River at Wedron, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>			<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Nov. 5	William Kessler.....	6. 81	1,030	May 22	William Kessler.....	7. 64	1,890
20	Peterson and Kessler...	5. 62	1,005	June 21	.....do.....	8. 57	3,100
Feb. 17	William Kessler.....	8. 46	2,960	21	.....do.....	8. 55	3,100
Mar. 1	.....do.....	9. 07	4,140	July 2	.....do.....	7. 16	1,310
May 10	.....do.....	6. 15	476	2	.....do.....	7. 20	1,320

<sup>a</sup> Partial ice cover at gage and at control.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Fox River at Wedron, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1		577		4,190	4,190	1,490	577	2,870	1,440	3,770	820
2		654		3,380	4,190	1,390	472	2,720	1,340	2,430	820
3		616		2,570	4,190	1,390	577	2,570	1,240	5,370	820
4		616		2,570	3,980	1,390	694	2,570	1,190	5,630	778
5	1,000	438		6,450	3,770	1,090	778	2,430	1,140	4,190	735
6		910	541	5,120	3,380	1,240	694	2,170	1,000	3,200	735
7		865	541	3,380	3,380	1,140	654	2,300	1,240	2,720	820
8		910	654	3,030	3,200	1,140	616	2,300	1,290	2,300	865
9		778	654	2,870	2,870	1,090	472	2,170	1,340	1,930	1,040
10		955	616	2,430	2,870	1,090	438	2,050	1,190	1,930	1,090
11		820	577	654	3,380	2,720	1,140	472	2,300	2,300	1,640
12		778	577	694	4,410	2,720	1,040	438	3,380	3,380	1,540
13		694		694	4,880	2,570	1,190	505	6,450	2,170	1,490
14		778		694	6,170	2,570	1,140	472	5,370	1,640	1,540
15		616		778	6,170	2,430	1,040	505	4,640	1,930	1,700
16		577		865	3,380	2,430	955	616	3,980	1,930	1,700
17		694		1,140	2,870	2,430	910	865	3,770	1,490	2,570
18		694		955	2,720	2,430	865	865	3,380	1,290	2,300
19		650		694	2,570	2,300	865	755	3,570	1,090	1,810
20		300			2,570	2,300	1,090	735	3,380	1,140	1,930
21		550			2,430	2,170	955	1,440	3,200	1,040	1,490
22		438			2,570	2,050	1,000	1,810	2,870	955	1,340
23		505			3,980	2,170	910	1,390	2,570	910	1,240
24		472			5,120	2,050	865	1,190	2,430	865	1,240
25		654			4,640	1,930	735	1,390	2,170	910	1,140
26		541			3,980	1,930	654	1,810	2,050	1,190	1,040
27		406			3,770	1,810	694	1,810	1,930	1,090	1,000
28		363			3,770	1,810	654	1,640	1,700	1,140	955
29		541				1,640	616	2,720	1,700	2,170	865
30		505				1,640	438	4,190	1,540	5,120	820
31						1,540		3,380		3,570	955

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted, determined from a rating curve well defined above and poorly defined below 375 second-feet. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records, as follows: Nov. 19–21, daily estimates; Dec. 13–31, 400 second-feet; Jan. 1–9, 550 second-feet; Jan. 20–31, 650 second-feet.



*Monthly discharge of Fox River at Wedron, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,500 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
November 5-30.....	1,000		654	0.262	0.25	B.
December.....			473	.189	.22	D.
January.....	1,140		664	.266	.31	D.
February.....	6,450	2,430	3,760	1.50	1.56	B.
March.....	4,190	1,540	2,630	1.05	1.21	B.
April.....	1,490	438	1,010	.404	.45	B.
May.....	4,190	438	1,130	.452	.52	B.
June.....	6,450	1,540	2,880	1.15	1.28	B.
July.....	5,120	865	1,600	.640	.74	B.
August.....	5,630	820	2,040	.816	.94	B.
September.....	3,570	735	1,630	.652	.73	B.

## VERMILION RIVER NEAR STREATOR, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 1, T. 30 N., R. 3 E., third principal meridian, at highway bridge known as Bridge No. 3, about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles south of Streator, La Salle County, about 100 feet below the Santa Fe Railway bridge.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,080 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 27, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to highway bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, by Michael Cipola.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Channel consists of gravel and rocks. Control consists of coarse gravel.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 18.35 feet at 3.30 p. m. August 3 (discharge, 12,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.52 foot October 1 to 7; discharge, 1.3 second-feet.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 18.35 feet at 3.30 p. m. August 3, 1915 (discharge, 12,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.45 foot, August 16 and 17, 1914; discharge, 0.7 second-foot).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

**ACCURACY.**—Records fair, except for periods in which discharge relation was affected by ice.

*Discharge measurements of Vermilion River near Streator, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.	Date.	Made by—	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
Feb. 17	William Kessler.....	<i>Feet.</i> 2.57	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 310	May 22	William Kessler.....	<i>Feet.</i> 1.39	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 58.5
May 10	do.....	.90	15.4	Aug. 7	do.....	6.47	1,870
10	do.....	.90	15.4	Sept. 25	do.....	5.12	1,210
22	do.....	1.39	58.2				

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Vermilion River near Streator, Ill., for the years ending September 30, 1914 and 1915.*

Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.				1914.				1914.			
1.....		1.0	1.0	11.....		1.0	1.3	21.....		.9	1.3
2.....		1.0	3.8	12.....		.9	1.3	22.....		1.0	1.8
3.....		1.0	1.8	13.....		.9	1.3	23.....		2.5	1.3
4.....		1.0	1.3	14.....		1.0	1.3	24.....		1.0	1.3
5.....		1.0	1.0	15.....		.8	28	25.....		1.0	1.3
6.....		1.0	1.8	16.....		.7	3.6	26.....		1.0	1.3
7.....		1.0	1.6	17.....		.7	1.3	27.....	1.0	1.0	1.3
8.....		1.0	1.3	18.....		.9	1.3	28.....	1.0	2.2	1.3
9.....		.9	1.3	19.....		.9	1.3	29.....	.9	1.0	1.3
10.....		1.0	1.3	20.....		.9	1.3	30.....	.9	1.0	1.3
								31.....	.9	1.0	.....

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.										
1.....	1.3	4.7	1,350	204	21	29	526	26	3,410	464
2.....	1.3	4.7	2,510	171	20	27	434	21	2,640	375
3.....	1.3	4.7	1,210	133	18	39	526	16	9,340	318
4.....	1.3	4.9	930	105	17	28	1,500	26	8,400	252
5.....	1.3	5.2	3,720	86	17	26	1,300	54	3,560	252
6.....	1.3	4.9	1,910	100	15	24	1,050	193	2,450	419
7.....	1.3	5.2	1,350	80	14	23	818	216	1,800	375
8.....	2.5	3.8	1,130	64	14	23	620	252	1,450	318
9.....	2.5	4.1	930	85	18	23	495	216	1,170	390
10.....	3.8	4.9	891	88	16	17	375	216	930	495
11.....	3.0	5.6	783	86	17	14	291	495	749	854
12.....	3.0	5.2	818	83	30	16	228	749	652	1,850
13.....	2.5	5.2	588	85	68	20	193	716	557	2,330
14.....	4.1	5.2	620	85	150	21	150	620	464	1,750
15.....	3.0	5.2	495	80	127	22	121	557	291	1,350
16.....	4.1	5.2	434	72	129	30	98	684	419	1,700
17.....	3.0	5.2	360	64	72	11	86	684	360	1,650
18.....	2.5	.....	278	59	55	6.5	77	557	620	1,550
19.....	2.5	.....	216	60	64	88	62	419	930	3,340
20.....	2.5	.....	182	54	60	80	59	304	930	3,060
21.....	2.5	.....	156	50	51	119	47	216	1,050	2,710
22.....	2.8	.....	133	46	46	62	59	171	1,130	2,210
23.....	3.0	.....	193	50	41	45	18	150	1,450	1,800
24.....	3.8	.....	332	35	41	47	2.2	140	2,390	1,450
25.....	3.8	.....	419	35	40.	47	1.9	119	1,910	1,210
26.....	3.6	.....	434	25	38	65	1.9	96	1,600	1,050
27.....	4.1	6.0	360	23	40	83	3.0	105	1,250	1,300
28.....	4.1	5.2	265	24	41	526	20	137	930	1,700
29.....	3.8	5.2	.....	26	43	749	20	304	818	1,700
30.....	3.8	5.2	.....	24	34	716	18	684	684	1,550
31.....	3.8	.....	.....	23	.....	652	.....	1,500	557	.....

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from fairly well defined rating curve. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records as follows: Nov. 18-26, 5 second-feet; Dec. 16-31, 2 second-feet; and Jan. 1-31, 4 second-feet. Gage not read Dec. 1-15, 1914 discharge estimated, by comparison with records of stream flow in adjacent drainage basins, at 6 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Vermilion River near Streator, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

[Drainage area, 1,080 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August.....	2.5	0.7	1.04	0.0010	0.001	C.
September.....	28	1.0	2.39	.0022	.002	C.
1914-15.						
October.....	4.1	1.3	2.81	.0026	.003	B.
November.....	6.0	3.8	5.02	.0046	.005	C.
December.....			4	.0037	.004	
January.....			4	.0037	.004	
February.....	3,720	133	821	.760	.79	B.
March.....	204	23	71.1	.066	.08	A.
April.....	150	14	45.2	.042	.05	B.
May.....	749	6.5	118	.109	.13	B.
June.....	1,500	1.9	307	.284	.32	B.
July.....	1,500	16	343	.318	.37	A.
August.....	9,340	291	1,770	1.64	1.89	B.
September.....	3,340	252	1,330	1.23	1.37	B.
The year.....	9,340	1.3	398	.369	5.02	

#### SPOON RIVER AT SEVILLE, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 24, T. 6 N., R. 1 E. fourth principal meridian, at the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway bridge at Seville, Fulton County, about a quarter of a mile east of the railway station at Seville.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—1,600 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—July 24, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the morning, by Raymond Hooper prior to May 1, and by A. E. Meyers beginning May 1.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge; low-water measurements are made by wading below the dam at the railroad station.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Control is a loose-rock dam about 2 miles downstream from gage, used to create a reservoir for the pumping station of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 23.1 feet at 7.15 a. m. February 3 (ice gorged at control); minimum stage recorded, 2.02 feet at 6.45 a. m. November 19.

1914-1915: Maximum stage recorded, 23.1 feet at 7.15 a. m. February 3, 1915 (ice gorged at control); minimum stage recorded, 1.35 feet July 31, August 28 and 29, 1914.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

**DIVERSIONS.**—Water pumped from reservoir at the pumping station of the Toledo, Peoria & Western Railway; amount not known.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Discharge measurements of Spoon River at Seville, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar. 20.....	3.40	210
June 3.....	5.72	1,150
3.....	5.69	1,130
Sept. 20.....	8.39	2,650

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Spoon River at Seville, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	2.28	2.18	2.25	2.32	16.1	4.25	3.0	2.58	12.8	3.6	12.6	3.0
2.....	2.22	2.15	2.25	2.32	20.5	4.0	3.0	2.58	5.7	6.8	12.6	3.0
3.....	2.20	2.15	2.28	2.30	23.1	3.9	3.0	2.73	5.6	4.7	16.0	3.0
4.....	2.12	2.15	2.28	2.32	21.2	3.8	3.0	2.68	5.1	3.7	14.0	3.0
5.....	2.10	2.12	2.28	2.32	20.9	3.9	3.0	2.72	4.7	3.55	12.0	3.1
6.....	2.10	2.12	2.28	2.32	20.4	3.7	3.0	2.84	4.5	3.4	9.9	3.0
7.....	2.10	2.12	2.28	.....	19.3	3.7	3.0	2.57	4.4	3.6	9.2	3.0
8.....	2.09	2.10	2.30	2.60	17.0	3.7	3.05	3.2	4.1	5.8	7.8	3.0
9.....	2.20	2.08	2.30	2.80	16.6	3.7	3.05	2.64	3.15	5.4	7.0	3.5
10.....	2.88	2.08	2.30	2.80	11.7	3.7	3.1	2.67	3.9	5.9	6.5	3.1
11.....	2.85	2.05	2.28	2.90	8.9	3.7	3.1	2.67	3.9	9.4	6.8	9.9
12.....	3.8	2.05	2.20	2.90	8.9	3.65	3.1	2.58	3.8	8.4	5.2	.....
13.....	3.2	2.05	2.25	2.88	9.2	3.6	3.05	2.77	3.7	5.4	4.9	.....
14.....	2.92	2.05	2.02	2.78	9.3	3.6	3.05	2.67	3.6	4.3	4.5	.....
15.....	2.92	2.05	2.22	2.78	7.2	3.55	3.0	2.55	3.65	8.0	4.2	.....
16.....	2.82	2.05	2.15	2.82	5.7	3.5	3.0	2.42	3.9	10.8	6.6	.....
17.....	3.1	2.05	2.12	16.5	5.1	3.5	3.0	2.62	3.7	5.7	5.6	.....
18.....	2.88	2.05	2.15	17.6	4.8	3.5	2.90	2.55	3.85	5.3	4.7	.....
19.....	2.9	2.02	2.15	14.8	4.6	3.5	2.90	2.82	3.9	5.7	4.3	.....
20.....	2.85	2.05	2.15	12.3	4.5	3.5	2.90	2.37	3.15	5.4	3.9	.....
21.....	2.80	2.08	2.22	9.1	4.4	3.4	2.88	3.4	3.9	5.4	4.2	.....
22.....	2.65	2.08	2.20	7.4	4.4	3.3	2.93	3.45	3.75	5.0	4.0	.....
23.....	2.60	2.08	2.18	4.8	5.3	3.3	2.98	2.72	3.55	4.2	3.9	.....
24.....	2.55	2.08	2.18	5.6	6.6	3.3	3.05	2.96	3.5	4.4	3.7	.....
25.....	2.45	2.08	2.20	6.6	5.6	3.3	3.05	3.65	3.3	4.2	3.7	.....
26.....	2.38	2.15	2.20	6.4	5.2	3.3	2.98	5.5	9.2	3.9	3.5	.....
27.....	2.30	2.15	2.22	6.1	4.1	3.25	2.63	6.0	3.45	3.8	3.5	.....
28.....	2.30	2.15	2.22	5.9	4.4	3.2	2.73	5.3	3.7	3.4	3.35	4.8
29.....	2.22	2.15	2.28	5.7	.....	3.15	2.68	8.6	3.5	5.6	3.3	4.8
30.....	2.20	2.20	2.25	5.4	.....	3.1	2.68	13.0	3.4	10.0	3.0	4.3
31.....	2.18	.....	2.28	6.8	.....	3.0	.....	12.0	.....	12.8	3.0	.....

NOTE.—Discharge relation probably affected by ice about Dec. 15 to Feb. 9.

#### SANGAMON RIVER AT MONTICELLO, ILL.

LOCATION.—In the northeastern part of T. 18 N., R. 5 E. third principal meridian, at the Illinois Central Railroad bridge, about half a mile west of Monticello, Platt County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—550 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—February 4, 1908, to October 1, 1912; October 31 to December 31, 1912; June 23, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the morning, by David Coay.

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**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge and wooden trestle approach.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Measuring section is at a pool; control consists of fine gravel; shifts during extreme high water. Soundings taken August 4, 1914, indicate that there would be no flow if the water surface at the gage were to fall to a stage of 1.4 feet.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 13.65 feet at 9 a. m. August 1 (discharge, 4,940 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 1.6 feet October 1 to 3 and 5 to 9 (discharge, 2 second-feet).

Maximum stage recorded during periods covered by records, 15.2 feet May 14 1908 (discharge, 9,280 second-feet); maximum stage during flood of March–April, 1913, 17.7 feet, March 25 (discharge not known); minimum stage recorded during periods of records, 1.5 feet July 31, August 1, and 3, 1914 (discharge, 1 second-foot).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation may be affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

**ACCURACY.**—Results fair except for periods in which discharge relation was affected by ice.

*Discharge measurements of Sangamon River at Monticello, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.		Gage height.	Discharge.
		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar.	18.....	3.07	74.1
	18.....	3.07	a 66.3
Aug.	3.....	12.26	3,060
	3.....	12.21	3,060

<sup>a</sup> Measurement made at highway bridge above station.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Sangamon River at Monticello, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.					1914.				
1.....		18	1.0	6.0	16.....		7.0	2.0	6.0
2.....		17	1.0	7.0	17.....		6.3	2.0	6.0
3.....		16	1.0	6.0	18.....		5.5	2.0	5.0
4.....		15	2.4	6.0	19.....		4.8	2.0	5.0
5.....		14	3.0	6.0	20.....		4.0	2.0	4.0
6.....		14	2.0	8.5	21.....		4.0	14	3.0
7.....		13	2.0	11	22.....		4.0	6.0	2.0
8.....		12	2.0	21	23.....	25	4.0	6.0	2.0
9.....		12	2.0	17	24.....	25	4.0	6.0	2.0
10.....		11	2.0	17	25.....	22	2.0	8.0	2.0
11.....		8.0	2.0	14	26.....	22	4.0	6.0	2.0
12.....		8.0	2.0	9.5	27.....	22	6.0	5.0	2.0
13.....		8.0	1.5	7.8	28.....	20	4.0	4.0	2.0
14.....		8.0	2.0	6.0	29.....	17	2.0	6.0	2.0
15.....		7.8	2.0	6.0	30.....	17	2.0	6.0	2.0
					31.....		1.0	6.0	

Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Sangamon River at Monticello, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915—Continued.

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.												
1.....	2	4	8	.....	807	194	41	65	508	60	4,860	338
2.....	2	4	8	.....	1,100	165	39	65	258	129	4,030	290
3.....	2	4	11	.....	862	140	38	65	290	73	3,200	242
4.....	2	4	11	.....	1,040	119	36	55	258	98	2,720	210
5.....	2	4	11	.....	1,220	119	34	55	210	124	1,860	179
6.....	2	4	11	8	980	119	33	53	175	82	1,220	210
7.....	2	4	11	8	936	119	33	57	140	134	807	422
8.....	2	4	11	8	891	119	33	53	120	371	580	405
9.....	2	5	11	7	473	109	33	53	100	242	526	290
10.....	3	5	11	8	422	100	36	53	82	134	526	226
11.....	3	6	11	8	322	100	78	43	82	366	456	226
12.....	3	6	11	8	258	100	119	38	65	599	354	194
13.....	3	6	10	8	226	91	226	33	64	371	290	456
14.....	7	6	10	8	218	86	152	30	63	258	258	405
15.....	6	6	.....	8	210	82	119	28	53	165	210	290
16.....	6	6	.....	.....	210	82	100	26	50	165	165	210
17.....	6	6	.....	.....	165	73	86	23	38	508	2,640	338
18.....	8	6	.....	.....	140	73	76	22	36	333	1,260	814
19.....	10	6	.....	.....	119	73	65	21	30	158	526	1,290
20.....	8	6	.....	.....	100	65	63	20	50	109	562	1,810
21.....	7	6	.....	.....	96	67	61	20	69	86	3,200	1,810
22.....	6	6	.....	.....	91	69	146	20	49	82	2,900	1,520
23.....	6	6	.....	.....	129	65	140	38	38	49	2,200	1,160
24.....	6	6	.....	.....	388	65	152	55	30	42	2,020	807
25.....	5	6	.....	.....	562	59	152	55	24	91	1,960	618
26.....	4	6	.....	.....	422	59	152	42	22	140	1,220	490
27.....	4	6	.....	.....	322	54	134	55	116	100	1,010	473
28.....	4	6	.....	.....	258	51	119	194	210	129	715	456
29.....	4	7	.....	.....	.....	48	91	322	140	104	602	422
30.....	4	8	.....	.....	.....	45	78	442	86	758	490	388
31.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	562	.....	1,040	405	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a fairly well defined rating curve. Discharge interpolated for Sundays from June 23, 1914, to July 31, 1915, and July 16-18, 1914, Apr. 8, June 8, Aug. 2, 29, and Sept. 18, 1915, because gage was not read. Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records, as follows: Dece. 15-31, 1914, and Jan. 1-6, 1915, 6 second-feet; Jan. 16-31, 8 second-feet.

Monthly discharge of Sangamon River at Monticello, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.

[Drainage area, 550 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
July.....	18	1.0	7.95	0.014	0.02	C.
August.....	14	1.0	3.58	.0065	.007	C.
September.....	21	2.0	6.53	.012	.01	C.
1914-15.						
October.....	10	2	4.4	.0080	.009	C.
November.....	8	4	5.5	.010	.01	C.
December.....	11	.....	8.0	.015	.02	D.
January.....	.....	.....	7.6	.014	.02	D.
February.....	1,220	91	463	.842	.88	B.
March.....	194	43	88.8	.161	.19	B.
April.....	226	33	88.8	.161	.18	B.
May.....	562	20	85.9	.156	.18	B.
June.....	508	22	115	.209	.23	B.
July.....	1,040	42	229	.416	.48	B.
August.....	4,860	165	1,410	2.56	2.95	B.
September.....	1,810	179	566	1.03	1.15	B.
The year.....	4,860	2	255	.464	6.30	

## SANGAMON RIVER AT RIVERTON, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In the southeast corner of the SW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 9, T. 16 N., R. 4 W. third principal meridian, at Wabash Railroad bridge about a quarter of a mile west of Riverton, Sangamon County, and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles below the mouth of South Fork.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,560 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—February 13, 1908, to December 31, 1912; August 7, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the morning, by J. H. Steele.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of three-span bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Measuring section is at a pool; shifts slightly; discharge measurements indicate that the control, which consists of compact gravel, is permanent. Point of zero flow was determined by leveling August 5, 1914, to be at gage height 6.6 feet.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 26.85 feet at 7.30 a. m. August 24 (discharge, 18,600 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 6.9 feet October 3 to 15 (discharge, 3 second-feet).

1908–1912, 1914–15: Maximum stage recorded, 27.1 feet October 1, 1911 (discharge, 19,200 second-feet); high water of 1883 reached a height of approximately 32 feet on the present gage; and that of 1875 is said to have been one-half foot lower (discharge not estimated); minimum stage recorded, 6.9 feet, October 3 to 15, 1915 (discharge, 3 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect the discharge relation during short periods of extremely cold weather.

**ACCURACY.**—Records good except for extreme low stages and for periods during December and January, when the discharge relation may have been affected by ice.

*Discharge measurements of Sangamon River at Riverton, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-feet.</i>
Mar. 22.....	8.66	252
July 24.....	10.53	754
Aug. 3.....	16.09	3,210
Aug. 4.....	15.95	3,130

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Sangamon River at Riverton, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.			1914.			1914.		
1.....		51	11.....	20	112	21.....	20	39
2.....		51	12.....	20	112	22.....	29	39
3.....		112	13.....	13	78	23.....	29	39
4.....		151	14.....	29	51	24.....	29	29
5.....		151	15.....	24	39	25.....	24	29
6.....		112	16.....	20	29	26.....	20	13
7.....	16	240	17.....	20	29	27.....	20	8
8.....	16	359	18.....	20	29	28.....	20	5
9.....	13	240	19.....	39	39	29.....	39	5
10.....	13	112	20.....	39	39	30.....	78	5
						31.....	51	

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Sangamon River at Riverton, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915—Continued.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
<b>1914-15.</b>												
1.....	5	8	20	45	2,160	1,060	151	335	9,100	1,280	1,620	4,990
2.....	5	8	20	131	4,490	888	131	335	8,010	1,240	2,320	2,980
3.....	3	8	20	172	6,340	696	131	335	6,340	1,130	3,040	2,050
4.....	3	8	13	194	6,010	603	131	311	4,760	824	3,200	1,660
5.....	3	8	20	172	6,340	603	112	287	3,490	760	2,920	2,000
6.....	3	8	29	172	7,180	542	112	240	2,380	760	2,870	1,920
7.....	3	8	34	172	6,560	542	112	1,200	1,960	955	3,040	1,240
8.....	3	8	39	434	5,160	513	112	1,390	1,580	1,540	3,200	1,310
9.....	3	10	29	486	3,840	434	112	728	1,280	2,100	3,320	1,280
10.....	3	6	51	460	2,650	359	172	460	1,100	1,960	3,490	1,170
11.....	3	8	51	434	2,050	384	263	409	1,020	4,010	3,260	1,200
12.....	3	8	51	542	1,620	409	311	359	4,620	5,900	1,830	1,420
13.....	3	8	51	384	1,200	384	287	287	5,420	6,930	1,390	1,390
14.....	3	20	34	359	1,020	384	217	287	5,070	7,450	955	1,280
15.....	3	20	39	335	920	335	194	240	3,900	7,180	824	1,130
16.....	8	13	29	311	856	311	263	217	2,920	6,120	666	1,200
17.....	29	13	29	287	760	323	287	194	1,870	4,990	1,020	1,170
18.....	13	13	29	287	634	311	240	172	1,540	3,950	728	1,280
19.....	10	13	20	299	634	263	240	151	1,240	3,090	728	1,540
20.....	8	13	29	287	572	263	217	217	1,620	2,210	1,020	1,170
21.....	5	13	29	240	460	263	194	240	1,710	1,580	6,220	1,790
22.....	8	13	29	194	460	240	172	263	3,840	1,170	12,300	2,100
23.....	20	13	29	131	665	240	603	359	4,130	955	16,700	2,260
24.....	20	16	20	94	920	240	542	287	3,490	824	18,500	2,260
25.....	8	20	20	94	1,350	240	513	335	2,540	665	18,100	2,210
26.....	8	20	13	112	1,280	217	728	5,330	1,750	665	16,000	2,210
27.....	8	20	5	39	1,280	194	824	8,940	1,130	359	13,500	1,920
28.....	8	20	8	58	1,200	172	792	10,300	888	990	11,700	1,540
29.....	8	13	5	78	.....	172	760	10,500	792	792	12,300	1,310
30.....	8	20	20	64	.....	151	460	10,700	955	696	9,100	1,170
31.....	8	.....	39	112	.....	151	.....	10,200	.....	1,500	7,450	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve well defined between 10 and 4,400 second-feet. Discharge Jan. 28, May 16, and Aug. 13 interpolated. Observer reported "Gage read to top of ice" on Jan. 23, 24, 26, and 27. Estimates for the last half of December and for January may be somewhat too large because of the assumption that the open-water rating was applicable.

*Monthly discharge of Sangamon River at Riverton, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,560 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August 7-31.....	78	13	26.8	0.010	0.009	B.
September.....	359	5	78.2	.031	.03	B.
1914-15.						
October.....	29	3	7.29	.0029	.003	C.
November.....	20	6	12.6	.0049	.005	C.
December.....	51	5	27.5	.011	.01	C.
January.....	542	39	232	.091	.10	D.
February.....	7,180	460	2,450	.957	1.00	B.
March.....	1,060	151	383	.150	.17	A.
April.....	824	112	313	.122	.14	A.
May.....	10,700	151	2,120	.828	.95	B.
June.....	9,100	792	3,010	1.18	1.32	A.
July.....	7,450	359	2,410	.941	1.08	A.
August.....	18,500	606	5,910	2.31	2.66	B.
September.....	4,990	1,130	1,760	.688	.77	A.
The year.....	18,500	3	1,550	.605	8.21	



## SANGAMON RIVER NEAR OAKFORD, ILL.

LOCATION.—In sec. 6, T. 19 N., R. 7 W. third principal meridian, at highway bridge 3 miles northeast of Oakford, Menard County, 2½ miles above the Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis Railway bridge, and 1¼ miles above the mouth of Crane Creek.

DRAINAGE AREA.—5,000 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—October 26, 1909, to June 30, 1911; December 10, 1911, to March 31, 1912; and August 25, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily in the morning by J. M. Weaver to December 31, and daily in the morning and afternoon by Andrew Peterson after March 19.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Probably shifting; the river for some distance above and below the station has been dredged and straightened, thus increasing the slope considerably and disturbing the regimen of the river. Conditions along the improved section are probably reverting to their former state.

EXTREMES OF STAGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 17.8 feet at 6 a. m. and 7 p. m. August 27; minimum stage recorded, 0.1 foot December 21, 22, 24, 25, and 31.

Maximum stage recorded during period of records, 20.6 feet October 4, 1911 (discharge, 26,300 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 0.1 foot, December 21, 22, 24, 25, and 31, 1914 (discharge not determined).

WINTER FLOW.—Discharge relation may be affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

ACCURACY.—Backwater caused by ice jams or drift lodging at railroad bridge 2½ miles below gage may at times affect discharge relation.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Discharge measurements of Sangamon River near Oakford, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar. 19.....	2.35	673
19.....	2.35	663
June 2.....	14.87	14,400

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Sangamon River near Oakford, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1.2	0.8	0.8	-----	1.85	2.4	15.6	4.0	9.6	13.8
2.....	1.0	-----	.7	-----	1.85	2.2	14.9	4.3	10.0	12.2
3.....	1.0	.8	-----	-----	1.8	2.1	13.8	4.2	11.4	9.5
4.....	-----	-----	.8	-----	1.8	2.4	11.8	4.0	12.4	7.2
5.....	-----	.8	-----	-----	1.8	2.2	10.8	3.8	12.2	6.6
6.....	.9	-----	-----	-----	1.75	2.0	9.0	3.5	11.5	5.8
7.....	.8	.8	-----	-----	1.75	2.1	7.6	3.6	10.0	5.6
8.....	1.0	-----	.8	-----	1.7	2.8	7.0	4.2	8.6	5.4
9.....	-----	.8	.9	-----	1.65	3.7	6.2	5.1	8.4	5.6
10.....	.9	.8	-----	-----	1.8	3.0	5.4	5.6	8.5	5.7
11.....	-----	.8	.9	-----	2.3	2.6	5.4	8.9	8.1	6.6
12.....	.9	.8	-----	-----	2.6	2.3	5.9	10.9	7.8	7.4
13.....	-----	.8	-----	-----	2.6	2.2	8.0	11.0	6.7	8.0
14.....	.9	-----	.9	-----	2.5	2.2	8.4	10.9	5.4	6.8
15.....	.9	-----	.8	-----	2.5	2.1	8.1	10.8	4.9	9.4
16.....	.9	.8	-----	-----	2.4	1.9	7.6	11.2	4.5	12.5
17.....	-----	.8	.9	-----	2.3	1.75	6.8	11.3	5.4	11.6
18.....	.9	-----	-----	-----	2.2	1.65	5.8	10.2	5.6	11.8
19.....	.9	.8	1.0	2.4	2.1	1.55	5.2	9.0	4.3	11.3
20.....	.9	-----	-----	2.3	2.6	1.5	5.4	7.4	4.2	10.6
21.....	.9	.8	.1	2.2	2.0	1.75	5.7	6.2	9.8	11.0
22.....	.9	-----	.1	2.2	2.0	1.85	6.2	5.3	12.8	10.7
23.....	.9	.8	-----	2.2	2.3	1.8	7.2	4.7	13.7	10.2
24.....	-----	.8	.1	2.2	2.4	1.8	7.6	4.1	15.0	9.3
25.....	.8	.8	.1	2.1	2.5	1.9	7.4	3.8	16.4	8.2
26.....	.8	-----	-----	2.0	2.6	8.9	5.8	4.2	17.4	7.8
27.....	-----	.7	-----	1.95	2.7	11.3	5.0	4.9	17.8	7.6
28.....	.8	-----	-----	1.95	2.8	12.7	4.4	4.7	17.6	7.2
29.....	.8	.8	.2	1.9	2.8	14.4	4.1	4.6	17.3	6.7
30.....	-----	-----	-----	1.9	2.7	15.8	3.9	4.8	16.1	6.4
31.....	.8	-----	.1	1.85	-----	15.9	-----	7.7	15.0	-----

## SOUTH FORK OF SANGAMON RIVER NEAR TAYLORVILLE, ILL.

**LOCATION**—In sec. 8, T. 12 N., R. 2 W., at the Wabash Railroad bridge about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles southwest of Taylorville, Christian County, Ill.; about one-fourth mile upstream from the highway bridge known as the Half Acre Bridge.

**DRAINAGE AREA**.—427 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE**—February 11, 1908, to September 30, 1912; November 1 to December 31, 1912; August 8, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

**GAGE**.—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the morning, by Louis Seelbach. On September 2, 1909, gage datum was lowered 2 feet. The gage heights to August 10, 1909, refer to old datum; those from August 11 to September 1, 1909, are of no value because of backwater from a construction dam built and used during that period. Gage heights from September 2, 1909, to December 31, 1912, refer to new datum. On August 8, 1914, the datum was changed by an unknown amount, all bench marks being destroyed during construction of a new concrete and steel-plate girder bridge. Gage heights subsequent to August 8, 1914, refer to the datum used in reestablishing the gage on that date.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS**.—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL**.—In August, 1909, a drainage ditch was dug along the river in the vicinity of the station, which straightened the course of the stream, but coincided with the original channel at the gaging section. Though the cross section of the channel at the measuring section was not changed, the discharge relation was considerably affected by the change in slope. Subsequent to 1912 a new bridge was built, and since then the discharge relation has again changed. The change is probably permanent; section is in a pool; control probably shifts slightly during floods. A determination by soundings August 8, 1914, indicates that there would be no flow past the gage if the river were to fall to  $0.35 \text{ foot} \pm 0.1$  foot by the present gage.

EXTREMES OF STAGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 14.82 feet, at, 6 a. m. August 22; minimum stage recorded, 0.56 foot, at 7 a. m. October 6.

WINTER FLOW.—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

ACCURACY.—Gage-height record reliable. During the summer of 1915 a new highway bridge about one-fourth mile below gage was in course of construction, and the discharge relation may have been affected by backwater.

Data insufficient for estimating discharge.

*Discharge measurements of South Fork of Sangamon River near Taylorville, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
Mar. 23.....	<i>Fect.</i> 1.93	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 29.0
June 1.....	9.30	1,500

*Daily gage height, in feet, of South Fork of Sangamon River near Taylorville, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	0.58	0.68	0.90	3.8	9.0	3.4	1.55	1.62	9.6	6.6	4.3	6.2
2.....	.59	.68	.91	2.8	11.0	3.2	1.52	1.44	8.9	5.7	4.5	5.4
3.....	.59	.69	.95	2.35	11.2	2.9	1.50	1.90	8.1	5.0	6.5	4.9
4.....	.59	.70	.95	1.67	10.4	2.8	1.48	2.3	6.7	4.5	6.6	4.4
5.....	.58	.71	.99	1.36	9.7	2.7	1.47	2.2	5.8	5.3	6.8	4.1
6.....	.56	.72	.97	1.35	9.4	2.8	1.48	2.15	5.0	5.8	5.8	4.1
7.....	.57	.73	.96	3.9	8.8	2.9	1.52	2.25	4.5	5.3	4.5	3.8
8.....	.58		1.01	5.0	7.5	2.8	1.52	4.0	4.3	6.3	3.8	3.8
9.....	.73		1.07	5.2	5.5	2.8	1.54	3.5	4.0	7.7	3.3	4.1
10.....	.73	.85	1.04	4.4	4.0	2.6	1.66	3.2	3.7	7.5	3.2	3.9
11.....	.70	.84	1.04	3.4	3.9	2.45	2.2	2.45	8.6	9.2	2.9	3.6
12.....	.70	.84	1.03	2.8	3.4	2.4	2.5	2.25	9.4	10.3	2.8	3.5
13.....	.69	.86	1.03	2.3	3.2	2.35	2.7	1.96	9.7	11.0	2.7	3.5
14.....	.68	.90	.98	2.1	3.2	2.3	2.3	1.78	8.8	10.8	2.6	3.4
15.....	.67	.92	.90	1.92	3.2	2.25	2.1	1.88	7.4	10.2	2.6	3.3
16.....	.81	.92	.88	1.92	3.0	2.2	1.93	1.91	5.8	9.5	2.9	3.4
17.....	.80	.90	.86	2.4	2.9	2.1	1.71	1.95	4.7	9.0	3.5	3.1
18.....	.80	.86	.87	2.9	2.6	2.05	1.58	1.76	4.3	7.7	3.2	3.8
19.....	.88	.85	.88	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.52	1.52	4.0	6.2	4.1	5.5
20.....	.75	.85	.90	2.5	2.3	2.05	1.51	1.66	5.3	5.3	4.3	5.5
21.....	.75	.85	.90	2.15	2.15	2.05	1.52	2.15	8.8	4.7	11.8	5.0
22.....	.74	.85	.88	1.74	2.1	1.99	1.60	4.2	9.0	4.4	14.8	5.7
23.....	.71	.87	.86	1.55	3.2	1.96	4.5	3.5	9.2	4.0	14.1	5.0
24.....	.68	.87	.87	1.49	5.3	1.90	5.0	3.1	8.0	3.7	12.8	4.3
25.....	.65	.88	.85	1.29	6.2	1.85	6.1	3.0	6.8	3.4	11.5	4.2
26.....	.64	.90	.78	1.28	5.4	1.82	5.6	7.0	4.9	3.4	10.7	3.6
27.....	.64	.90	.76	1.31	4.4	1.79	4.6	11.6	4.0	4.3	9.9	3.5
28.....	.64	.90	.78	1.25	3.7	1.68	3.6	12.0	4.2	4.2	9.0	3.5
29.....	.64	.89	1.32	1.26		1.66	2.9	11.3	5.3	4.0	8.0	3.7
30.....	.65	.89	2.6	1.21		1.64	1.84	10.8	7.1	3.7	7.1	3.5
31.....	.66		2.7	2.2		1.60		10.2		4.0	6.8	

NOTE.—See "Accuracy" in station description.

#### KASKASKIA RIVER AT SHELBYVILLE, ILL.

LOCATION.—Between secs. 8 and 17, T. 11 N., R. 4 E. third principal meridian, at highway bridge at the eastern edge of Shelbyville, Shelby County, a short distance above the Chicago & Eastern Illinois and Big Four railroad bridge.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,030 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—February 25, 1908, to September 30, 1912; November 1 to December 31, 1912; and August 11 to December 5, 1914, when station was discontinued.

GAGE.—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the afternoon, to tenths.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Measuring section at a pool; bed shifts. Discharge measurements indicate that control shifts slightly during extreme floods.

EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.—Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 25.8 feet May 8, 1908 (discharge, 10,600 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 4.7 feet, October 4 to 7, 1914 (discharge, approximately 0.2 second-foot).

WINTER FLOW.—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

ACCURACY.—Results for 1914 not considered better than fair, because sufficient discharge measurements have not been made to determine the rating curve definitely.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kaskaskia River at Shelbyville, Ill., for the period Aug. 10 to Dec. 5, 1914.*

Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....		35	0.5	12	22	16.....	1.5	12	1.5	12	.....
2.....		35	.5	12	22	17.....	1.5	12	1.5	12	.....
3.....		35	.5	12	22	18.....	1.5	4.5	1.5	12	.....
4.....		35	.2	12	22	19.....	.5	4.5	4.5	12	.....
5.....		68	.2	12	22	20.....	.5	4.5	4.5	12	.....
6.....		774	.2	12	.....	21.....	.5	1.5	4.5	12	.....
7.....		462	.2	12	.....	22.....	.5	1.5	4.5	12	.....
8.....		110	.5	12	.....	23.....	.5	.5	4.5	12	.....
9.....		68	1.5	12	.....	24.....	.5	.5	4.5	12	.....
10.....	0.5	50	4.5	12	.....	25.....	.5	.5	4.5	12	.....
11.....	50	35	4.5	12	.....	26.....	.5	.5	4.5	22	.....
12.....	35	22	1.5	12	.....	27.....	1.5	.5	4.5	22	.....
13.....	22	22	1.5	12	.....	28.....	50	.5	4.5	22	.....
14.....	12	22	1.5	12	.....	29.....	50	.5	12	22	.....
15.....	4.5	12	1.5	12	.....	30.....	50	.5	12	22	.....
						31.....	50	.....	12	.....	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve which is not well defined.

*Monthly discharge of Kaskaskia River at Shelbyville, Ill., for the period Aug. 10 to Nov. 30, 1914.*

[Drainage area, 1,030 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
August 10-31.....	50	0.5	15.2	0.015	0.01	C.
September.....	774	.5	61.0	.059	.07	C.
October.....	12	.2	3.38	.0033	.004	C.
November.....	22	12	13.7	.013	.01	C.

#### KASKASKIA RIVER AT VANDALIA, ILL.

LOCATION.—In sec. 16, T. 6 N., R. 1 E. third principal meridian, at highway bridge at the east end of Main street, Vandalia, Fayette County.

DRAINAGE AREA.—1,980 square miles.

RECORDS AVAILABLE.—February 26, 1908, to October 4, 1912; November 1 to December 31, 1912; August 11, 1914, to September 30, 1915.

GAGE.—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the afternoon, to tenths.

DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.—Made from downstream side of bridge.

CHANNEL AND CONTROL.—Measuring section is at a pool; bed is somewhat shifting.

EXTREMES OF STAGE.—Maximum stage recorded during year, 22.2 feet at 1 p. m.

May 27; minimum stage recorded, 0.70 foot October 5, 7, and 8.

Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 22.2 feet at 1 p. m. May 27, 1915; the flood of 1875 is said to have reached a stage of 22.8 feet; minimum stage recorded, 0.38 foot August 12, 1914.

WINTER FLOW.—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

ACCURACY.—Gage-height record is reliable. On May 27, 1915, the levee which prevents the river from overflowing the adjoining low lands broke above and below the gage. Sufficient data have not been obtained to determine the effect of these breaks upon the discharge relation during flood stages.

*Discharge measurements of Kaskaskia River at Vandalia, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
May 26.....	<i>Feet.</i> 15.56	<i>Sec.-ft.</i> 5,400
31.....	19.24	9,910

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Kaskaskia River at Vandalia, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	0.75	1.00	1.20	2.55	14.0	6.1	2.7	2.7	18.2	10.8	4.9	12.0
2.....	.75	1.02	1.22	2.5	16.3	5.6	2.6	2.5	16.9	6.0	7.9	9.5
3.....	.72	1.02	1.25	2.05	18.6	5.2	2.6	5.0	15.6	4.9	14.9	8.6
4.....	.70	1.07	1.30	1.95	17.3	5.0	2.55	5.1	14.9	4.5	15.5	7.4
5.....	.72	1.05	1.52	1.72	16.8	5.2	2.5	4.1	13.1	4.8	15.1	6.6
6.....	.72	1.02	1.55	1.70	16.4	5.3	2.55	3.4	11.0	4.5	11.4	6.0
7.....	.70	1.00	1.62	2.85	15.5	5.2	2.55	3.55	9.4	3.7	9.3	6.0
8.....	.70	1.25	1.62	3.8	7.8	4.8	2.55	4.7	8.1	11.9	.....	6.2
9.....	4.2	1.45	1.60	4.0	6.9	4.6	2.5	3.8	7.2	14.7	8.4	6.0
10.....	4.8	1.48	1.72	.....	6.6	4.6	2.6	3.6	6.5	10.9	8.6	6.0
11.....	4.2	1.50	1.65	2.8	6.2	4.4	2.65	.....	4	14.6	9.8	5.9
12.....	3.1	1.45	1.58	2.55	6.0	4.4	2.8	.....	10.2	16.6	8.5	5.2
13.....	2.48	1.42	1.60	2.30	6.0	4.2	2.7	.....	8.6	17.6	6.8	4.9
14.....	1.62	1.38	1.52	2.15	5.8	4.1	2.65	.....	13.3	17.4	5.9	4.5
15.....	1.45	1.35	1.40	2.10	5.6	4.0	2.6	3.05	9.4	15.2	6.3	4.3
16.....	1.52	1.32	1.32	2.05	5.2	3.9	2.55	2.95	6.1	10.3	6.0	4.2
17.....	2.6	1.25	1.25	.....	4.4	3.8	2.48	2.7	5.4	8.7	10.5	4.3
18.....	2.2	1.22	1.28	4.2	.....	3.6	2.32	2.42	5.1	8.7	13.7	4.1
19.....	1.78	1.18	1.30	4.2	4.2	3.7	2.38	2.20	4.6	7.6	13.4	4.7
20.....	1.52	1.15	1.30	3.35	4.0	3.6	2.20	10.4	4.4	7.5	13.2	6.8
21.....	1.42	1.12	1.28	3.6	4.0	3.5	2.12	12.0	14.5	6.5	22.1	6.6
22.....	1.32	1.12	1.25	2.30	3.8	3.45	2.5	7.0	16.1	5.6	21.0	6.4
23.....	1.25	1.15	1.18	2.10	12.8	3.4	7.2	5.0	14.1	5.1	19.3	6.2
24.....	1.20	1.18	1.15	.....	15.4	3.3	6.5	4.6	7.1	4.7	18.4	6.0
25.....	1.18	1.15	1.10	2.85	11.6	3.2	5.2	4.2	5.2	4.4	17.7	5.5
26.....	1.08	1.18	1.08	2.10	8.2	3.5	4.1	14.7	4.8	4.4	17.2	5.6
27.....	1.00	1.18	1.02	2.02	7.4	3.0	3.5	22.2	4.5	3.9	16.7	5.4
28.....	1.00	1.12	1.05	1.95	6.7	2.9	3.1	21.2	5.4	4.1	16.0	5.2
29.....	1.00	1.12	1.55	1.72	.....	2.7	2.9	20.1	12.7	4.9	15.9	5.0
30.....	1.02	1.15	2.85	1.95	.....	2.7	2.8	20.3	13.9	5.5	15.2	4.8
31.....	.98	.....	2.6	3.5	.....	2.7	.....	19.3	.....	4.8	13.5	.....

NOTE.—Gage read to top of ice Jan. 8, 9, and 23-28. Ice gorge below gage Feb. 1. Discharge relation affected by ice about Dec. 16 to Feb. 1.

## KASKASKIA RIVER AT CARLYLE, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 19, T. 2 N., R. 2 W. third principal meridian, at the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad bridge about one-fourth mile east of Carlyle, Clinton County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—2,680 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 2, 1908, to September 30, 1912; November 1 to December 31, 1912; August 13, 1914, to September 30, 1915, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to upstream side of bridge; read daily, in the morning, by A. J. Marcham.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—May shift slightly during extreme floods. A determination by soundings on August 13, 1914, indicates that there would be no flow past the gage if the river were to fall to 3.7 feet  $\pm$  0.3 foot, referred to gage datum.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 30.75 feet at 2.30 p. m. August 24 (discharge, approximately 20,000 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 5.32 feet at 7.30 a. m. October 8 (discharge, 55 second-feet).

Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 30.75 feet at 2.30 p. m. August 24, 1915 (discharge, approximately 20,000 second-feet). The flood of 1882, which is the highest known, is said to have reached a height of about 32.5 feet referred to the present gage (discharge not estimated). Minimum stage recorded, 5.4 feet, October 14 to 16, 1909 (discharge, 23 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

**DIVERSIONS.**—A dam  $3\frac{1}{2}$  feet high, about 700 feet above the gaging section, is used to store water for the city of Carlyle. The average amount pumped is about 3,500,000 gallons every 30 days, and during June, July, and August about 4,500,000 gallons every 30 days. The outfalls of one section of the city sewerage system and some private sewers are above the section, so that the diversion is negligible.

**ACCURACY.**—Results good.

*Discharge measurements of Kaskaskia River at Carlyle, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.	Date.	Gage height.	Discharge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
May 25.....	11.96	1,610	June 8.....	22.00	6,830
25.....	12.70	4,900	Sept. 17.....	8.76	690

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kaskaskia River at Carlyle, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915.*

Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.			1914.			1914.		
1.....		121	11.....		1,680	21.....	53	121
2.....		112	12.....		855	22.....	55	105
3.....		93	13.....	88	491	23.....	62	99
4.....		147	14.....	80	331	24.....	67	95
5.....		147	15.....	180	280	25.....	82	91
6.....		132	16.....	206	270	26.....	147	91
7.....		125	17.....	99	188	27.....	780	88
8.....		1,890	18.....	91	172	28.....	855	84
9.....		3,200	19.....	80	147	29.....	399	80
10.....		2,850	20.....	67	132	30.....	197	74
						31.....	155	

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kaskaskia River at Carlyle, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914-1915—Continued.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
<b>1914-15.</b>												
1.....	70	77	62	755	3,480	3,480	353	310	12,100	4,500	2,160	8,950
2.....	67	74	64	680	4,730	2,430	353	270	11,500	4,650	2,580	8,210
3.....	64	72	70	514	5,490	1,710	331	537	10,600	3,160	3,720	7,650
4.....	62	70	74	353	7,930	1,560	331	830	9,550	2,340	3,960	6,950
5.....	60	67	80	260	8,650	1,290	310	960	8,650	1,890	4,180	4,910
6.....	58	64	84	197	8,650	1,170	310	730	7,930	1,530	4,240	3,840
7.....	56	62	91	251	9,400	1,170	310	680	7,230	1,470	4,303	2,670
8.....	55	74	99	830	8,350	1,230	300	855	6,670	1,440	4,000	1,770
9.....	80	140	108	1,170	7,650	1,140	290	880	5,750	2,670	3,560	1,600
10.....	755	197	115	930	6,810	1,080	310	805	2,880	3,520	2,640	1,880
11.....	2,400	242	112	755	6,010	990	300	630	2,340	3,800	2,550	1,290
12.....	2,820	180	108	655	5,120	880	290	514	1,860	4,000	2,490	1,170
13.....	1,950	125	118	491	3,160	830	310	445	2,130	4,240	2,490	1,140
14.....	780	108	115	399	2,460	780	353	422	2,400	4,650	2,100	1,020
15.....	353	99	95	353	1,740	730	353	399	2,700	4,820	2,550	880
16.....	310	91	88	331	1,530	705	353	606	3,100	5,240	2,820	805
17.....	583	84	80	930	1,350	680	331	399	2,160	5,620	2,760	705
18.....	537	82	74	1,590	1,200	606	331	468	1,410	5,750	3,800	630
19.....	514	80	72	1,350	990	606	310	290	1,050	6,010	4,360	583
20.....	353	77	72	855	880	583	310	880	930	5,240	5,360	583
21.....	242	72	72	705	830	560	300	2,790	1,920	4,500	9,250	990
22.....	180	70	74	606	1,020	537	290	3,720	4,040	3,640	15,100	1,350
23.....	147	67	77	468	2,160	537	270	3,640	4,500	2,700	19,100	1,290
24.....	118	64	74	399	3,410	514	990	2,640	5,360	1,890	19,900	1,230
25.....	105	62	74	353	4,820	491	1,440	1,590	5,880	1,110	18,500	1,140
26.....	99	60	74	353	6,140	468	1,470	1,920	5,240	930	16,400	1,110
27.....	91	58	72	270	7,230	445	1,410	3,920	3,720	830	14,600	1,050
28.....	84	58	112	290	4,570	422	1,230	4,430	2,550	880	13,200	960
29.....	84	58	251	270	.....	399	830	5,750	3,600	1,110	11,800	905
30.....	82	60	118	353	.....	399	399	10,900	4,130	1,380	10,800	855
31.....	80	.....	280	1,290	.....	376	.....	12,100	.....	1,800	9,700	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a rating curve fairly well defined below 8,000 second-feet; open-water curve applied throughout the year. Discharge Jan. 25 to Feb. 1 may, therefore, be somewhat large owing to presence of ice on river.

*Monthly discharge of Kaskaskia River at Carlyle, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

[Drainage area, 2,680 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
August 13-31.....	855	53	197	0.074	0.05	B.
September.....	3,200	74	476	.178	.20	B.
1914-15.						
October.....	2,820	55	427	.159	.18	B.
November.....	242	58	89.8	.034	.04	B.
December.....	280	62	98.7	.037	.04	B.
January.....	1,590	197	613	.229	.26	C.
February.....	9,400	830	4,490	1.68	1.75	C.
March.....	3,840	376	941	.351	.40	B.
April.....	1,470	270	502	.187	.21	B.
May.....	12,100	270	2,110	.787	.91	B.
June.....	12,100	930	4,800	1.79	2.00	A.
July.....	6,010	830	3,140	1.17	1.35	A.
August.....	19,900	2,100	7,260	2.71	3.12	B.
September.....	8,950	583	2,250	.840	.94	A.
The year.....	19,900	55	2,210	.825	11.20	

## KASKASKIA RIVER AT NEW ATHENS, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In the W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  NE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. T. 2 S., R. 7 W. third principal meridian, at the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge, about 600 feet north of the railroad station at New Athens, St. Clair County, about 1 mile below the mouth of Silver Creek and 3 miles above the mouth of Lively Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—5,220 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—January 23, 1907, to September 30, 1912; October 30 to December 31, 1912; June 22, 1914, to September 30, 1915. A record of river heights from January 23, 1907, to October 28, 1909, was kept by C. J. von Roth Roffy for the New Athens Journal. The river height was taken on Wednesday and Thursday mornings of each week, that for Thursday being published Friday with the change in 24 hours as obtained from the river height of Wednesday. This record was kept up for the information of farmers living on the west side of the river who were cut off from reaching town when the river reached a height of 30 feet. The record is authentic. The gage heights have been reduced to the present datum, the maximum error probably not being over 0.4 foot and decreasing as the stage increases.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to the bridge, installed November 1, 1909; read daily at noon by Henry Hoffmann.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream lower chord of bridge and from concrete trestle approach.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Probably permanent.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during year, 35.7 feet at noon August 26 (discharge, 63,100 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.35 feet October 7 and 8 (discharge, 133 second-feet).

Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 35.7 feet at noon August 26, 1915 (discharge, 63,100 second-feet); minimum stage recorded, 2.08 feet August 10, 1914 (discharge, 102 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation may be slightly affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

**ACCURACY.**—Results fair. Discharge relation is affected by backwater from Mississippi River when the stage at Chester reaches a gage height of approximately 19 feet. Prior to 1915 no discharge measurements had been made at New Athens when the stage on the Mississippi River as indicated by the United States Weather Bureau gage readings at Chester, Ill., was high enough to cause backwater at New Athens. In 1915 ten measurements were made during May, June, and September when there was considerable backwater at New Athens due to high water in the Mississippi River. From these measurements and the gage readings at New Athens and Chester estimates of daily discharge for periods when the Mississippi River caused backwater at New Athens have been computed by the slope method described in Water-Supply Paper 345, page 53.

Published estimates of discharge for the following periods may be considerably too large, depending on the amount of the backwater effect produced at New Athens: 1907, January 21–28; June 14–18; July 19 to August 3. 1908, May 17 to July 23. 1909, March 14; April 21 to May 1; May 11–17; June 12 to July 27. 1910, May 10–13; June 12–15. 1912, March 22 to May 11; June 19–22.



*Discharge measurements of Kaskaskia River at New Athens, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Day.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Day.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Day.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar. 30.....	4.78	573	June 5.....	25.00	a20,400	June 9.....	22.52	a13,400
May 24.....	18.34	8,890	6.....	24.71	a20,200	11.....	21.67	a10,900
24.....	18.41	8,110	7.....	24.55	a18,900	Sept. 18.....	8.40	a1,100
30.....	21.81	a12,600	7.....	23.95	a17,200			
30.....	21.91	a12,900	7.....	23.82	a17,100			

a Backwater from Mississippi River when this measurement was made. (See "Accuracy," in station description.)

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Kaskaskia River at New Athens, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914.					1914.				
1.....		204	120	600	16.....		140	a 161	1,800
2.....		196	120	521	17.....		140	a 183	1,440
3.....		187	113	521	18.....		133	204	1,360
4.....		187	113	627	19.....		126	196	990
5.....		179	113	627	20.....		120	171	683
6.....		187	108	1,400	21.....		120	155	573
7.....		187	102	1,520	22.....	683	120	148	495
8.....		171	102	2,160	23.....	600	120	140	350
9.....		171	102	2,400	24.....	547	120	196	282
10.....		171	102	3,900	25.....	470	126	171	251
11.....		163	232	4,430	26.....	470	140	1,200	222
12.....		171	155	3,410	27.....	445	133	683	213
13.....		163	140	2,030	28.....	373	126	990	204
14.....		155	187	1,200	29.....	293	126	1,680	196
15.....		140	140	990	30.....	232	120	1,280	179
					31.....		120	800	.....

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1914-15.												
1.....	171	204	155	3,200	10,800	9,800	627	740	15,000	23,100	3,900	35,800
2.....	155	204	155	3,100	13,500	8,760	600	683	16,800	19,600	4,490	29,600
3.....	155	187	171	3,000	15,700	6,670	573	683	19,300	17,000	6,140	24,400
4.....	148	171	222	2,300	22,000	3,620	573	573	20,800	14,900	6,690	20,600
5.....	140	171	421	1,600	24,100	2,290	573	1,360	20,500	13,100	7,100	17,500
6.....	140	171	470	1,280	24,100	1,890	547	1,800	19,500	10,300	7,310	15,100
7.....	133	171	373	2,500	24,100	2,300	521	1,640	17,300	7,250	6,510	12,700
8.....	133	282	282	3,580	23,400	2,160	521	1,680	15,400	7,050	5,890	10,600
9.....	470	683	261	3,580	24,400	2,120	521	2,300	13,400	8,020	5,040	7,260
10.....	4,430	683	241	3,630	22,000	2,030	521	2,450	12,100	8,100	4,730	3,960
11.....	7,260	740	241	3,300	20,300	1,800	573	1,720	11,000	8,500	4,060	2,700
12.....	7,600	573	241	2,500	17,900	1,640	573	1,240	9,980	8,930	3,740	2,210
13.....	6,780	521	241	1,900	.....	1,560	655	920	8,150	8,670	3,560	1,360
14.....	5,230	445	241	1,600	.....	1,440	740	860	5,850	8,500	3,720	1,270
15.....	2,950	373	241	1,360	.....	1,280	920	711	4,760	8,520	3,880	1,120
16.....	2,900	304	241	1,320	.....	1,160	990	a 656	4,810	8,430	3,410	965
17.....	4,610	261	241	2,030	.....	1,100	920	600	5,080	8,330	3,930	1,000
18.....	3,460	241	222	2,650	.....	1,060	860	627	5,300	7,740	6,940	1,100
19.....	2,700	204	222	3,000	.....	1,020	830	573	3,830	7,190	9,020	1,090
20.....	1,940	204	.....	2,850	.....	1,020	683	1,680	3,140	7,330	14,500	1,010
21.....	1,200	187	.....	1,980	.....	955	521	3,850	5,860	7,400	31,700	968
22.....	800	171	.....	1,240	.....	920	470	5,720	7,800	6,990	47,200	1,120
23.....	627	171	.....	.....	.....	890	521	7,100	8,410	5,990	53,100	1,410
24.....	521	171	.....	.....	.....	860	683	8,510	9,350	4,140	58,600	1,420
25.....	421	171	.....	10,100	.....	830	2,030	7,680	10,400	3,290	62,400	1,280
26.....	350	171	.....	10,200	.....	800	2,800	6,620	11,100	2,990	63,100	1,080
27.....	304	155	.....	10,600	.....	770	2,210	8,610	11,200	2,920	60,600	979
28.....	282	155	.....	10,700	.....	740	1,600	10,600	14,000	2,820	56,900	1,280
29.....	241	155	.....	.....	.....	711	1,130	11,900	24,300	2,760	52,000	1,400
30.....	222	155	.....	.....	.....	683	860	12,600	26,100	2,480	47,500	1,150
31.....	222	.....	.....	.....	.....	655	.....	13,800	.....	3,300	42,000	.....

a Interpolated.

NOTE.—Discharge, except as noted below, determined from a rating curve fairly well defined below 12,400 second-feet. Discharge Feb. 26 to Mar. 6, May 29 to Aug. 22, and Sept. 13-30, computed by the slope method because of backwater from the Mississippi River (see "Accuracy," in station description). Discharge estimated, because of ice, from gage heights, observer's notes, and climatic records as follows: Dec. 20-31, 640 second-feet; Jan. 23-31, 1,100 second-feet. Discharge Feb. 13-24, when gage was not read estimated by comparison with flow at Carlyle, at 4,300 second-feet.

*Monthly discharge of Kaskaskia River at New Athens, Ill., for the years ending Sept. 30, 1914 and 1915.*

[Drainage area, 5,220 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
1914.						
July.....	204	120	150	0.029	0.03	A.
August.....	1,680	102	332	.064	.07	A.
September.....	4,430	179	1,190	.228	.25	B.
1914-15.						
October.....	7,600	133	1,830	.351	.40	B.
November.....	740	155	282	.054	.06	B.
December.....		155	405	.078	.09	C.
January.....			2,050	.393	.45	C.
February.....	24,400		12,000	2.30	2.40	C.
March.....	9,800	655	2,050	.393	.45	B.
April.....	2,800	470	872	.167	.19	B.
May.....	13,800	573	3,890	.745	.86	B.
June.....	26,100	3,140	12,000	2.30	2.57	B.
July.....	23,100	2,480	8,250	1.58	1.82	B.
August.....	63,100	3,410	22,200	4.25	4.90	B.
September.....	35,800	965	6,780	1.30	1.45	B.
The year.....	63,100	133	6,020	1.15	15.64	

#### SHOAL CREEK NEAR BREESE, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In the southwest corner of the NW.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 24, T. 2 N., R. 4 W. third principal meridian, at the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad bridge about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Breese, Clinton County, Ill.; about 3 miles above the mouth of Beaver Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—760 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—November 5, 1909, to September 30, 1912; October 30 to December 31, 1912; August 14 to December 7, 1914, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the afternoon, by John Nordman.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from upstream side of bridge; during floods made also from downstream side of wooden trestle over overflow channel.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Practically permanent; channel rough, as rock has been placed in bed of stream, under bridge, to prevent scour. A determination by leveling on August 13, 1914, indicates that there would be no flow past the gage if the river were to fall to 0.4 foot  $\pm$  0.1 foot by the gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 19.6 feet October 5, 1911 (discharge, 6,880 second-feet); maximum stage recorded during flood of March–April, 1913; 23.2 feet at 6.30 a. m. March 29 (discharge approximately 11,600 second-feet, determined from extension of rating curve); minimum stage recorded, 0.9 foot during periods of August, September, October, and November, 1914 (discharge, 23 second-feet).

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

**DIVERSIONS.**—The intake pipe of the Breese municipal pumping system is about one-fourth mile above the section, but the quantity of water diverted is negligible.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings reliable; results fair.

No discharge measurements were made during the year ending September 30, 1915.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Shoal Creek near Breese, Ill., for the period Aug. 14 to Dec. 7, 1914.*

Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....		88	23	23	29	16.....	29	235	133	41	.....
2.....		78	23	23	29	17.....	29	220	213	35	.....
3.....		83	23	23	29	18.....	23	193	299	32	.....
4.....		56	23	23	35	19.....	23	133	112	29	.....
5.....		88	23	23	38	20.....	23	92	74	29	.....
6.....		536	23	23	41	21.....	23	65	56	23	.....
7.....		156	23	23	41	22.....	23	60	52	23	.....
8.....		624	23	83	.....	23.....	23	29	41	23	.....
9.....		468	112	92	.....	24.....	35	26	41	38	.....
10.....		349	1,260	83	.....	25.....	349	23	38	41	.....
11.....		150	1,070	74	.....	26.....	400	23	35	41	.....
12.....		48	768	56	.....	27.....	133	23	35	38	.....
13.....		41	122	48	.....	28.....	65	23	35	35	.....
14.....	23	41	56	44	.....	29.....	41	23	29	29	.....
15.....	32	38	65	41	.....	30.....	41	23	26	29	.....
						31.....	56	.....	26	.....	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a fairly well-defined rating curve.

*Monthly discharge of Shoal Creek near Breese, Ill., for the period Aug. 14 to Nov. 30, 1914.*

[Drainage area, 760 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
August 14-31.....	400	23	76.2	0.100	0.07	D.
September.....	624	23	134	.176	.20	B.
October.....	1,260	23	157	.207	.24	C.
November.....	92	23	38.9	.051	.06	B.

#### SILVER CREEK NEAR LEBANON, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In the northwest corner of sec. 5, T. 2 N., R. 7 W. third principal meridian, at highway bridge at Wrights Crossing, about 2 miles west of Lebanon, St. Clair County.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—335 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—March 3, 1908, to September 30, 1912; November 3 to December 31, 1912; August 14 to December 5, 1914, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the morning, by W. D. McKoin.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge and small approach spans; and also at high stages from downstream side of three steel viaducts on road west of bridge.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Control is formed by an accumulation of drift a short distance below gage; may shift during high water. A determination by leveling, August 14, 1914, indicates that there would be no flow past the gage if the river stage were to fall to 0.4 foot  $\pm$  0.1 foot referred to the gage datum.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 15.9 feet May 7, 1908 (discharge, 5,240 second-feet); a stage of 18.5 feet (discharge approximately 8,100 second-feet) was recorded March 27 during the flood of March-April, 1913; the observer was unable to reach gage to obtain the crest stage of this flood. Minimum stage about a week in 1908 and on October 14, 1909, when there was no flow past the gage.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

**ACCURACY.**—Results fair.

No discharge measurements were made at this station during the year ending September 30, 1915.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Silver Creek near Lebanon, Ill., for the period Aug. 14 to Dec. 5, 1914.*

Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Day.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1.....		17	0.6	7.2	7.0	16.....	2.0	516	253	22	.....
2.....		187	.4	7.0	8.0	17.....	1.9	355	679	14	.....
3.....		157	.2	6.8	8.4	18.....	1.0	136	540	12	.....
4.....		104	.3	6.2	8.4	19.....	.6	18	244	9.0	.....
5.....		80	.2	6.0	9.6	20.....	.6	16	104	8.0	.....
6.....		271	.2	5.8	.....	21.....	49	8.0	49	8.0	.....
7.....		425	.2	5.5	.....	22.....	104	7.5	31	8.0	.....
8.....		665	.2	6.2	.....	23.....	41	5.3	24	8.4	.....
9.....		639	41	316	.....	24.....	17	3.0	19	8.0	.....
10.....		298	730	298	.....	25.....	69	2.6	16	8.0	.....
11.....		122	679	129	.....	26.....	195	2.5	13	8.0	.....
12.....		47	665	64	.....	27.....	307	2.2	9.6	8.4	.....
13.....		21	405	41	.....	28.....	92	1.6	9.0	8.4	.....
14.....	0.1	16	104	29	.....	29.....	37	1.0	8.6	8.4	.....
15.....	.1	98	33	26	.....	30.....	16	.8	7.8	8.4	.....
						31.....	13	.....	7.3	.....	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a poorly defined rating curve.

*Monthly discharge of Silver Creek near Lebanon, Ill., for the period Aug. 14 to Nov. 30, 1914.*

[Drainage area, 335 square miles.]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area).	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
August 14-31.....	307	0.1	52.6	0.157	0.11	C.
September.....	665	.8	141	.421	.47	C.
October.....	730	.2	151	.451	.52	C.
November.....	316	5.5	36.7	.110	.12	C.

#### BIG MUDDY RIVER AT PLUMFIELD, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In the W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 20, T. 7 S., R. 2 E., at highway bridge at Plumfield, Franklin County, and about 6 miles west of West Frankfort; about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles below the mouth of Middle Fork and about 2 miles downstream from station formerly maintained at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad bridge.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—753 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—August 18, 1914, to September 30, 1915. June 16, 1908, to September 30, 1912, and November 1 to December 31, 1912, maintained at the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad bridge.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, morning and afternoon, by Louis Robertson.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of bridge and steel approach, and in high water also made from downstream side of two culverts under road on right side; at extreme high stages the lowland between the bridge and the culverts is covered with water.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—Probably permanent; control is about one-fourth mile below the gage. A determination by leveling August 18, 1914, indicates that there would be no flow past the gage if the river were to fall to about 0.6 foot  $\pm$  0.05 foot by the gage.

**EXTREMES OF STAGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during period of records, 23.8 feet at 7 a. m. and 5 p. m. February 4, 1915; minimum stage, August 18 to 26, 1914, when there was no flow past the gage.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Ice may affect the discharge relation during parts of December, January, and February.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage-height record reliable.

Data insufficient for estimates of discharge.

*Discharge measurements of Big Muddy River at Plumfield, Ill., during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

[Made by William Kessler.]

Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.	Date.	Gage height.	Dis-charge.
	<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>		<i>Feet.</i>	<i>Sec.-ft.</i>
Mar. 29.....	1.68	27.2	June 12.....	2.44	82.8	Sept. 17.....	1.33	13.1
May 29.....	17.60	3,660	July 24.....	2.48	87.1	17.....	1.33	13.7
29.....	17.74	3,750	24.....	2.47	88.7			
June 12.....	2.44	75.3	Sept. 17.....	1.33	13.3			

*Daily gage height, in feet, of Big Muddy River at Plumfield, Ill., for the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Day.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
1.....	1.38	1.22	1.05	6.5	16.0	12.9	1.53	1.10	18.2	14.6	2.02	16.6
2.....	1.30	1.19	1.05	6.1	20.4	9.1	1.49	1.06	17.5	15.2	2.9	14.8
3.....	1.24	1.15	1.05	4.6	23.2	5.5	1.44	1.01	16.5	15.4	4.6	12.5
4.....	1.18	1.15	1.29	3.4	23.8	3.8	1.41	.96	14.7	15.7	4.2	8.8
5.....	1.12	1.12	1.44	2.7	23.5	5.3	1.39	.91	12.6	15.8	3.0	4.8
6.....	1.09	1.10	1.59	2.45	22.8	8.0	1.38	.98	8.7	15.4	2.49	2.5
7.....	1.04	1.06	1.86	4.2	22.0	8.7	1.36	1.22	7.2	14.4	2.03	2.08
8.....	1.00	1.05	2.9	8.0	21.2	7.6	1.34	3.7	4.8	14.2	1.74	1.85
9.....	2.75	1.04	2.75	9.2	19.7	5.8	1.30	3.0	3.7	14.1	1.56	1.72
10.....	6.6	1.00	2.42	8.7	18.3	4.6	1.33	2.9	2.9	14.6	1.53	1.82
11.....	9.4	.98	2.14	6.7	16.5	3.9	1.40	2.31	2.48	14.8	1.89	1.74
12.....	10.1	.95	1.95	5.2	14.1	3.4	1.36	2.08	2.47	14.7	4.1	1.62
13.....	10.2	.95	1.88	4.9	11.3	3.0	1.34	1.99	3.7	14.0	5.3	1.55
14.....	10.6	1.92	1.81	4.8	8.9	2.75	1.30	1.82	2.42	11.9	4.8	1.46
15.....	11.2	1.72	1.72	4.5	7.6	2.65	1.28	1.61	2.28	9.1	6.9	1.38
16.....	11.4	1.52	1.61	4.6	6.6	2.42	1.28	1.51	2.24	8.0	9.5	1.36
17.....	11.0	1.40	1.51	6.8	5.2	2.32	1.28	1.41	1.97	7.0	9.9	1.32
18.....	10.3	1.34	1.48	9.4	4.0	2.26	1.24	1.34	1.94	6.0	8.2	3.2
19.....	8.8	1.18	1.86	9.7	3.35	2.18	1.20	1.27	2.9	5.0	8.2	3.35
20.....	6.1	1.14	3.25	4.3	3.0	2.15	1.26	1.38	2.8	3.8	11.3	2.8
21.....	4.0	1.15	4.2	4.9	2.8	2.09	1.24	1.46	6.4	2.95	14.4	2.02
22.....	3.05	1.15	4.5	4.1	3.0	2.07	1.24	2.00	10.4	2.6	16.7	1.84
23.....	2.6	1.12	5.2	4.6	10.5	2.05	1.24	8.2	12.3	2.46	20.5	1.58
24.....	2.22	1.12	5.2	5.8	12.7	1.99	1.20	13.7	13.4	2.13	22.8	1.44
25.....	1.95	1.10	4.7	5.3	14.6	1.93	1.18	15.6	14.0	1.83	23.4	1.31
26.....	1.75	1.10	4.0	.....	15.6	1.87	1.11	15.9	13.8	1.66	23.0	1.21
27.....	1.68	1.10	3.2	3.3	15.5	1.79	1.10	16.2	11.7	1.52	22.3	1.17
28.....	1.48	1.08	2.6	.....	14.7	1.75	1.12	16.8	9.6	1.36	21.3	1.44
29.....	1.38	1.10	2.6	2.28	.....	1.72	1.10	17.5	12.2	2.06	20.1	2.36
30.....	1.32	1.09	4.2	2.38	.....	1.63	1.08	18.3	13.6	2.85	18.9	2.9
31.....	1.24	.....	6.0	11.5	.....	1.59	.....	18.5	.....	2.40	17.6	.....

NOTE.—Discharge relation probably affected by ice Dec. 16 to Jan. 10, and Jan. 22-31.

## BEAUCOUP CREEK NEAR PINCKNEYVILLE, ILL.

**LOCATION.**—In sec. 30, T. 5 S., R. 2 E. third principal meridian; at Illinois Central Railroad bridge about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Pinckneyville, Perry County, about 10 miles above the mouth of Galum Creek.

**DRAINAGE AREA.**—227 square miles.

**RECORDS AVAILABLE.**—June 17, 1908, to September 30, 1912; November 30 to December 31, 1912; and June 24 to November 2, 1914, when station was discontinued.

**GAGE.**—Standard chain gage attached to bridge; read daily, in the morning, by R. C. Huggins.

**DISCHARGE MEASUREMENTS.**—Made from downstream side of wooden trestle; low-water measurements made at wading section about 1,000 feet below gage.

**CHANNEL AND CONTROL.**—May shift slightly during extreme floods. The creek goes dry at times, the water then standing in pools near the gage. A determination by leveling, August 17, 1914, indicates that there would be no flow past the gage if the river were to fall to about 1.8 feet  $\pm 0.1$  foot by the gage.

**EXTREMES OF DISCHARGE.**—Maximum stage recorded during periods of records, 21.1 feet, February 28, 1910 (discharge, 2,170 second-feet); the flood of 1902 reached a height of about 27.5 feet on the present gage. Minimum stage July 3, 4, and July 7 to August 21, 1914, when there was no flow past the gage.

**WINTER FLOW.**—Discharge relation may be affected by ice during parts of December, January, and February.

**ACCURACY.**—Gage readings erroneous at times; records not very good.

*Daily discharge, in second-feet, of Beaucoup Creek near Pinckneyville, Ill., for the period June 24 to Nov. 2, 1914.*

Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Day.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
1.....		0.2	0.0	133	4.2	5.8	16.....		.0	.0	179	171	.....
2.....		.2	.0	6.9	2.9	5.8	17.....		.0	.0	126	1,140	.....
3.....		.0	.0	8.0	1.8		18.....		.0	.0	40	403	.....
4.....		.0	.0	8.8	1.8		19.....		.0	.0	8.0	236	.....
5.....		.1	.0	9.6	4.9		20.....		.0	.0	6.9	70	.....
6.....		.1	.0	653	8.0		21.....		.0	.0	5.8	45	.....
7.....		.0	.0	928	8.0		22.....		.0	1.1	5.8	35	.....
8.....		.0	.0	1,590	1.8		23.....		.0	1.0	2.9	26	.....
9.....		.0	.0	1,570	200		24.....	0.9	.0	1.0	14	21	.....
10.....		.0	.0	914	1,890		25.....	.6	.0	1.1	26	16	.....
11.....		.0	.0	86	2,100		26.....	.6	.0	65	26	12	.....
12.....		.0	.0	60	1,920		27.....	.6	.0	68	12	5.8	.....
13.....		.0	.0	38	1,350		28.....	.5	.0	1,180	8.0	5.8	.....
14.....		.0	.0	16	1,360		29.....	.4	.0	1,890	5.8	5.8	.....
15.....		.0	.0	12	766		30.....	.2	.0	1,870	4.2	5.8	.....
							31.....		.0	852	.....	5.8	.....

NOTE.—Discharge determined from a fairly well defined rating curve.

*Monthly discharge of Beaucoup Creek near Pinckneyville, Ill., for the period July 1 to Oct. 31, 1914.*

[Drainage area, 227 square miles]

Month.	Discharge in second-feet.				Run-off (depth in inches on drainage area.)	Accu- racy.
	Maximum.	Minimum.	Mean.	Per square mile.		
July.....	0.2	0.0	0.02	0.0001	0.0001	C.
August.....	1,890	.0	182	.802	.92	C.
September.....	1,590	2.9	217	.956	1.07	C.
October.....	2,100	1.8	381	1.68	1.94	C.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASUREMENTS.

*Miscellaneous measurements in upper Mississippi River drainage basin during the year ending Sept. 30, 1915.*

Date.	Stream.	Tributary to—	Locality.	Gage height.	Dis- charge.
July 17	Pecatonica River.....	Rock River.....	Freeport, Ill.....	Feet.	Sec.-ft.
Nov. 4	Des Plaines River.....	Illinois River.....	1,000 feet above Bear Trap dam at Lockport, Ill.	.....	510 113
26	.....do.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	.....	22.2
July 15	Fox River.....	.....do.....	Dundee, Ill.....	.....	735
15	.....do.....	.....do.....	Elgin, Ill.....	.....	835
14	Vermilion River.....	.....do.....	Above intake of city gas plant, Streator, Ill.	.....	2.1
Apr. 3	Wapsipinicon River.....	Mississippi River....	Massillon, Iowa.....	.....	2,770
May 30	Des Moines River.....	.....do.....	Boone, Iowa.....	a 21.61	27,500
June 5	.....do.....	.....do.....	.....do.....	a 14.7	13,200
1	.....do.....	.....do.....	Ottumwa, Iowa.....	a 16.96	56,300

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**PART V. HUDSON BAY AND UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER**  
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## INTRODUCTION.

Investigation of water resources by the United States Geological Survey has consisted in large part of measurements of the volume of flow of streams and studies of the conditions affecting that flow, but it has comprised also investigation of such closely allied subjects as irrigation, water storage, water powers, underground waters, and quality of waters. Most of the results of these investigations have been published in the series of water-supply papers, but some have appeared in the bulletins, professional papers, and annual reports.

The results of stream-flow measurements are now published annually in 12 parts, each part covering an area whose boundaries coincide with natural drainage features as indicated below:

- Part I. North Atlantic basins.  
II. South Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico basins.  
III. Ohio River basin.  
IV. St. Lawrence River basin.  
V. Upper Mississippi River and Hudson Bay basins.  
VI. Missouri River basin.  
VII. Lower Mississippi River basin.  
VIII. Western Gulf of Mexico basins.  
IX. Colorado River basin.  
X. Great Basin.  
XI. Pacific basins in California.  
XII. North Pacific basins (published in three volumes).

## HOW GOVERNMENT REPORTS MAY BE OBTAINED OR CONSULTED.

Water-supply papers and other publications of the United States Geological Survey containing data in regard to the water resources of the United States may be obtained or consulted as indicated below.

1. Copies may be obtained free of charge by applying to the Director of the Geological Survey, Washington, D. C. The edition printed for free distribution is, however, small and is soon exhausted.

2. Copies may be purchased at nominal cost from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., who will on application furnish lists giving prices.

3. Sets of the reports may be consulted in the libraries of the principal cities in the United States.

4. Complete sets are available for consultation in the local offices of the water-resources branch of the Geological Survey, as follows:

Albany, N. Y., Room 18, Federal Building.  
 Atlanta, Ga., Post Office Building.  
 Boston, Mass., Customhouse.  
 St. Paul, Minn., Old Capitol Building.  
 Madison, Wis., Capitol Building.  
 Helena, Mont., Montana National Bank Building.  
 Denver, Colo., 403 New Post Office Building.  
 Salt Lake City, Utah, Federal Building.  
 Boise, Idaho, 615 Idaho Building.  
 Portland, Oreg., 416 Couch Building.  
 Tacoma, Wash., Federal Building.  
 San Francisco, Cal., 328 Customhouse.  
 Los Angeles, Cal., Federal Building.  
 Phoenix, Ariz., 417 Fleming Building.  
 Austin, Tex., Old Post Office Building.  
 Honolulu, Hawaii, Kapiolani Building.

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#### STREAM-FLOW REPORTS.

Stream-flow records have been obtained at more than 3,800 points in the United States, and the data obtained have been published in the reports tabulated below:

*Stream-flow data in reports of the United States Geological Survey.*

[A= Annual Report; B= Bulletin; WS= Water-Supply Paper.]

Report.	Character of data.	Year.
10th A, pt. 2.....	Descriptive information only.....	
11th A, pt. 2.....	Monthly discharge and descriptive information.....	1884 to Sept., 1890.
12th A, pt. 2.....	.....do.....	1884 to June 30, 1891.
13th A, pt. 3.....	Mean discharge in second-feet.....	1884 to Dec. 31, 1892.
14th A, pt. 2.....	Monthly discharge (long-time records, 1871 to 1893).....	1888 to Dec. 31, 1893.
B 131.....	Descriptions, measurements, gage heights, and ratings.....	1893 and 1894.
16th A, pt. 2.....	Descriptive information only.....	
B 140.....	Descriptions, measurements, gage heights, ratings, and monthly discharge (also many data covering earlier years).....	1895.
WS 11.....	Gage heights (also gage heights for earlier years).....	1896.
18th A, pt. 4.....	Descriptions, measurements, ratings, and monthly discharge (also similar data for some earlier years).....	1895 and 1896.
WS 15.....	Descriptions, measurements, and gage heights, eastern United States, eastern Mississippi River, and Missouri River above junction with Kansas.....	1897.
WS 16.....	Descriptions, measurements, and gage heights, western Mississippi River below junction of Missouri and Platte, and western United States.....	1897.
19th A, pt. 4.....	Descriptions, measurements, ratings, and monthly discharge (also some long-time records).....	1897.
WS 27.....	Measurements, ratings, and gage heights, eastern United States, eastern Mississippi River, and Missouri River.....	1898.
WS 28.....	Measurements, ratings, and gage heights, Arkansas River and western United States.....	1898.
20th A, pt. 4.....	Monthly discharge (also for many earlier years).....	1898.
WS 35 to 39.....	Descriptions, measurements, gage heights, and ratings.....	1899.
21st A, pt. 4.....	Monthly discharge.....	1899.
WS 47 to 52.....	Descriptions, measurements, gage heights, and ratings.....	1900.

*Stream-flow data in reports of the United States Geological Survey—Continued.*

Report.	Character of data.	Year.
22d A, pt. 4.....	Monthly discharge.....	1900.
WS 65, 66.....	Descriptions, measurements, gage heights, and ratings.....	1901.
WS 75.....	Monthly discharge.....	1901.
WS 82 to 85.....	Complete data.....	1902.
WS 97 to 100.....	do.....	1903.
WS 124 to 135.....	do.....	1904.
WS 165 to 178.....	do.....	1905.
WS 201 to 214.....	do.....	1906.
WS 241 to 252.....	do.....	1907-8.
WS 261 to 272.....	do.....	1909.
WS 281 to 292.....	do.....	1910.
WS 301 to 312.....	do.....	1911.
WS 321 to 332 <sup>a</sup> .....	do.....	1912.
WS 351 to 362 <sup>a</sup> .....	do.....	1913.
WS 381 to 394.....	do.....	1914.
WS 401 to 414.....	do.....	1915.

<sup>a</sup> In preparation.

NOTE.—No data regarding stream flow are given in the 15th and 17th annual reports.

The records at most of the stations discussed in these reports extend over a series of years, and miscellaneous measurements at many points other than regular gaging stations have been made each year. An index of the reports containing records obtained prior to 1904 has been published in Water-Supply Paper 119.

The following table gives by years and drainage basins the numbers of the papers on surface-water supply published from 1899 to 1915. The data for any particular station will in general be found in the reports covering the years during which the station was maintained. For example, data for Machias River at Whitneyville, Me., 1903 to 1915, are published in Water-Supply Papers 97, 124, 165, 201, 241, 261, 281, 301, 321, 351, 381, and 401, which contain records for the New England streams from 1903 to 1915. Results of miscellaneous measurements are published by drainage basins.

In these papers and in the following lists the stations are arranged in downstream order. The main stem of any river is determined by measuring or estimating its drainage area—that is, the headwater stream having the largest drainage area is considered the continuation of the main stream, and local changes in name and lake surface are disregarded. All stations from the source to the mouth of the main stream of the river are presented first, and the tributaries in regular order from source to mouth follow, the streams in each tributary basin being listed before those of the next basin below.

The exceptions to this rule occur in the records for Mississippi River, which are given in four parts as indicated on page III, and in the records for large lakes, where it is simpler to take up the streams in regular order around the rim of the lake than to cross back and forth over the lake surface.

Numbers of water-supply papers containing results of stream measurements, 1899-1915.

Year.	I North Atlantic slope (St. John River to York River).	II South Atlantic and eastern Gulf of Mexico (James River to the Missis- sippi).	III Ohio River.	IV St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes.	V Hudson Bay and upper Missis- sippi River.	VI Missouri River.	VII Lower Missis- sippi River.	VIII Western Gulf of Mexico.	IX Colorado River.	X Great Basin.	XI Pacific slope in Cali- fornia.	XII North Pacific drainage basins.		
												Pacific basins in Washing- ton and upper Columbia River.	Snake River basin.	Lower Columbia River and Pacific basins in Oregon.
1899 a.....	35	b 35, 36	36	36	36	c 36, 37	37	37	d 37, 38	38, e 39	38, f 39	38	38	38
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1902.....	82	b 82, 83	83	i 82, 83	k 83, 85	84	k 85, 86, 87	84	85	85	85	85	85	85
1903.....	97	p 97, 98	98	97	k 98, 99, m 100	99	k 98, 99	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
1904.....	n 124, o 125,	p 126, 127	128	129	k 128, 130	130, q 131	k 128, 131	132	133	133, r 134	134	135	135	135
1905.....	p 126	p 167, 168	169	170	171	172	k 169, 173	174	175, s 177	176, r 177	177	178	178	t 177, 178
1906.....	n 201, o 202,	p 203, 204	205	206	207	208	k 205, 209	210	211	212, r 213	213	214	214	214
1907-8.....	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250, r 251	251	252	252	252
1909.....	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270, r 271	271	272	272	272
1910.....	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	292	292
1911.....	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	312	312
1912.....	321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330	331	332A	332B	332C
1913.....	351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360	361	362A	362B	362C
1914.....	381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390	391	392	393	394
1915.....	401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410	411	412	413	414

a Rating tables and index to Water-Supply Papers 35-39 contained in Water-Supply Paper 39. Estimates for 1899 in Twenty-first Annual Report, Part IV.

b James River only.

c Galatin River.

d Green and Gunnison rivers and Grand River above junction with Gunnison.

e Mohave River only.

f Kings and Kern rivers and south Pacific slope basins.

g Rating tables and index to Water-Supply Papers 4-59 and data on precipitation, wells, and irrigation in California and Utah contained in Water-Supply Paper 52. Estimates for 1900 in Twenty-second Annual Report, Part IV.

h Wisconsin and Schuykill rivers to James River.

i Scioto River.

j Loup and Platte rivers near Columbus, Nebr., and all tributaries below junction with Platte.

k Tributaries of Mississippi from east.

l Lake Ontario and tributaries to St. Lawrence River proper.

m Hudson Bay only.

n New England rivers only.

o Hudson River to Delaware River, inclusive.

p Susquehanna River to Yackin River, inclusive.

q Platte and Kansas rivers.

r Great Basin in California except Truckee and Carson river basins.

s Below junction with Gila.

t Rogue, Umpqua, and Siletz rivers only.

## PART V.—HUDSON BAY AND UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER DRAINAGE BASINS.

### PRINCIPAL STREAMS.

The Hudson Bay and upper Mississippi River basins include streams whose waters reach Hudson Bay and the Mississippi above its junction with the Ohio (except the Missouri). The principal streams flowing into Hudson Bay from the United States are St. Mary River, Red River, and Rainy River. The principal tributaries of the upper Mississippi are Crow Wing, Sauk, Crow, Rum, Minnesota, St. Croix, Chippewa, Zumbro, Black, Root, Wisconsin, Wapipinicon, Rock, Iowa, Des Moines, Illinois, and Kaskaskia rivers. These streams drain wholly or in part the States of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

In addition to the list of gaging stations and the annotated list of publications relating specifically to the section, these pages contain a similar list of reports that are of general interest in many sections and cover a wide range of hydrologic subjects, and also brief references to reports published by State and other organizations. (See pp. xv-xvi.)

### GAGING STATIONS.

NOTE.—Dash after a date indicates that station was being maintained September 30, 1915. Period after a date indicates discontinuance.

#### HUDSON BAY DRAINAGE BASIN.

- St. Mary River near Babb (formerly dam site), Mont., 1902-
- St. Mary River below Swiftcurrent Creek, at Babb, Mont., 1901-2; 1910-
- St. Mary River near Kimball, Alberta, 1902-
- Swiftcurrent Creek near Babb (formerly Wetzel), Mont., 1902-1910.
- Swiftcurrent Creek at Many Glacier, Mont., 1912-
- Swiftcurrent Creek at Sherburne, Mont., 1912-
- Kennedy Creek near Babb (formerly Wetzel), Mont., 1903-1907.
- Ottertail River at German Church, near Fergus Falls, Minn., 1913-
- Ottertail River near Fergus Falls, Minn., 1904-1913.
- Red River near Fergus Falls, Minn., 1909-10.
- Red River at Fargo, N. Dak., 1901-
- Red River at Grand Forks, N. Dak., 1901-
- Red River at Pembina, N. Dak., 1901.
- Red River at Emerson, Manitoba, 1900-1902.
- Pelican River near Fergus Falls, Minn., 1909-1912.
- Sheyenne River at Haggart, N. Dak., 1902-1907.
- Wild Rice River at Twin Valley, Minn., 1909-
- Devils Lake near Devils Lake, N. Dak., 1901-1912.
- Red Lake River at Thief River Falls, Minn., 1909-

## Red River tributaries—Continued.

Red Lake River at Crookston, Minn., 1901—

Thief River near Thief River Falls, Minn., 1909—

Clearwater River at Red Lake Falls, Minn., 1909—

South Branch of Two Rivers at Hallock, Minn., 1911—1914.

Pembina River at Neche, N. Dak., 1903—1915.

Roseau River at Dominion City, Canada, 1912.

West Branch of Roseau River near Malung, Minn., 1911—1914.

Mouse River near Foxholm, N. Dak., 1904—1906.

Mouse River at Minot, N. Dak., 1903—

Des Lacs River at Foxholm, N. Dak., 1904—1906.

Rainy Lake at Rainier, Minn., 1910—

Rainy River at International Falls, Minn., 1907—

Kawishiwi River near Winton, Minn., 1905—1907; 1912—

Vermilion River below Lake Vermilion, near Tower, Minn., 1911—

Little Fork at Little Fork, Minn., 1909—

Big Fork at Big Falls, Minn., 1909—1912.

Big Fork at Laurel, Minn., 1909.

Black River near Loman, Minn., 1909.

## UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASIN.

Mississippi River above Sandy River, Minn., 1895—

Mississippi River near Fort Ripley, Minn., 1909—10.

Mississippi River near Sauk Rapids, Minn., 1903—1906.

Mississippi River at Elk River, Minn., 1915—

Mississippi River at Anoka, Minn., 1905—1914.

Mississippi River at St. Paul, Minn., 1873—

Sandy River below Sandy Lake reservoir, Minn., 1893—

Pine River below Pine River reservoir, Minn., 1886—

Prairie River near Grand Rapids, Minn., 1909.

Crow Wing River at Nimrod, Minn., 1910—1914.

Crow Wing River at Motley, Minn., 1909; 1913—

Crow Wing River at Pillager, Minn., 1903; 1909—1913.

Long Prairie River near Motley, Minn., 1909—

Sauk River near St. Cloud, Minn., 1909—1913.

Elk River near Big Lake, Minn., 1911—

Crow River at Rockford, Minn., 1909—

Crow River near Dayton, Minn., 1906.

North Fork of Crow River near Rockford, Minn., 1909—10.

South Fork of Crow River near Rockford, Minn., 1909—1912.

Rum River at Onamia, Minn., 1909—1912.

Rum River at Cambridge, Minn., 1909—1914.

Rum River at St. Francis, Minn., 1903.

Rum River near Anoka, Minn., 1905—6; 1909.

Minnesota River near Odessa, Minn., 1909—1913.

Minnesota River near Montevideo, Minn., 1909—

Minnesota River near Mankato, Minn., 1903—

Whetstone River near Big Stone, S. Dak., 1910—1912.

Lac qui Parle River at Lac qui Parle, Minn., 1910—1914.

Chippewa River near Watson, Minn., 1909—

Redwood River near Redwood Falls, Minn., 1909—1914.

Cottonwood River near New Ulm, Minn., 1909—1913.

Blue Earth River at Rapidan Mills, Minn., 1909—10.



## Mississippi River tributaries—Continued.

- St. Croix River at Swiss, Wis., 1914—
- St. Croix River near St. Croix Falls, Wis., 1902–1905; 1910—
- Namakagon River at Trego, Wis., 1914—
- Yellow River at Webster, Wis., 1914.
- Kettle River near Sandstone, Minn., 1908—
- Snake River at Mora, Minn., 1909–1913.
- Snake River near Pine City, Minn., 1913—
- Apple River near Somerset, Wis., 1901—
- Cannon River at Welch, Minn., 1909–1914.
- Chippewa River at Bishops Bridge, near Winter, Wis., 1912—
- Chippewa River near Bruce, Wis., 1913—
- Chippewa River at Chippewa Falls, Wis., 1888—
- Chippewa River near Eau Claire, Wis., 1902–1909.
- West Fork of Chippewa River near Winter, Wis., 1911—
- Flambeau River near Butternut, Wis., 1914—
- Flambeau River near Ladysmith, Wis., 1914—
- Flambeau River at Ladysmith, Wis., 1903–1906.
- Jump River at Sheldon, Wis., 1915—
- Eau Claire River near Augusta, Wis., 1914—
- Eau Claire River near Eau Claire, Wis., 1913–14.
- Red Cedar River near Colfax, Wis., 1914—
- Red Cedar River at Cedar Falls, Wis., 1909—
- Red Cedar River at Menominee, Wis., 1907–8; 1913—
- Zumbro River at Zumbro Falls, Minn., 1909—
- South Branch of Zumbro River near Zumbro Falls, Minn., 1911—
- Trempealeau River at Dodge, Wis., 1913—
- Black River at Neillsville, Wis., 1905–1909; 1913—
- Black River at Melrose, Wis., 1902–3.
- La Crosse River near West Salem, Wis., 1913—
- Root River near Houston, Minn., 1909—
- North Branch of Root River near Lanesboro, Minn., 1910—
- Upper Iowa River near Decorah, Iowa, 1913–14.
- Wisconsin River near Rhinelander, Wis., 1905—
- Wisconsin River at Merrill, Wis., 1902—
- Wisconsin River near Nekoosa, Wis., 1914—
- Wisconsin River near Necedah, Wis., 1902–1914.
- Wisconsin River at Muscoda, Wis., 1902–3; 1913—
- Tomahawk River near Bradley, Wis., 1914—
- Prairie River near Merrill, Wis., 1914—
- Little Rib River near Wausau, Wis., 1914—
- Eau Claire River at Kelley, Wis., 1914—
- Big Eau Pleine River near Stratford, Wis., 1914—
- Plover River near Stevens Point, Wis., 1914—
- Baraboo River near Baraboo, Wis., 1913—
- Kickapoo River at Gays Mills, Wis., 1913—
- Turkey River at Garber, Iowa, 1913—
- Maquoketa River above mouth of North Fork, near Maquoketa, Iowa, 1913—
- Maquoketa River at Manchester, Iowa, 1903.
- Maquoketa River below mouth of North Fork, near Maquoketa, Iowa, 1913—
- Wapsipinicon River at Stone City, Iowa, 1903–1914.
- Rock River at Watertown, Wis., 1914.
- Rock River at Afton, Wis., 1914—

## Mississippi River tributaries—Continued.

- Rock River above mouth of Pecatonica River, at Rockton, Ill., 1903.
- Rock River below mouth of Pecatonica River, at Rockton, Ill., 1903-1909.
- Rock River at Rockford, Ill., 1914-
- Rock River near Nelson, Ill., 1906.
- Rock River at Sterling, Ill., 1905-6.
- Catfish River at Madison, Wis., 1902-3.
- Lake Mendota at Madison, Wis., 1902-3.
- Pecatonica River at Dill, Wis., 1914-
- Pecatonica River at Freeport, Ill., 1914-
- Sugar River near Brodhead, Wis., 1914-
- Iowa River near Iowa Falls, Iowa, 1911-1914.
- Iowa River at Marshalltown, Iowa, 1903; 1915-
- Iowa River at Iowa City, Iowa, 1903-1906; 1913-
- Iowa River at Wapello, Iowa, 1915-
- Cedar River near Austin, Minn., 1909-1914.
- Cedar River at Janesville, Iowa, 1905-6; 1915-
- Cedar River at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 1902-
- Shellrock River near Clarksville, Iowa, 1915-
- Skunk River at Coppock, Iowa, 1913-
- Skunk River at Augusta, Iowa, 1913; 1915-
- Des Moines River at Jackson, Minn., 1909-1913.
- Des Moines River at Fort Dodge, Iowa, 1905-6; 1911-1913.
- Des Moines River at Kalo, Iowa, 1913-
- Des Moines River at Des Moines, Iowa, 1902-3; 1905-6.
- Des Moines River at Keosauqua, Iowa, 1903-1906; 1911-
- Raccoon River near Des Moines, Iowa, 1902-3.
- Raccoon River at Van Meter, Iowa, 1915-
- Illinois River near Minooka, Ill., 1902-1904.
- Illinois River near Seneca, Ill., 1902-3.
- Illinois River near Ottawa, Ill., 1902-1904.
- Illinois River near La Salle, Ill., 1902-3.
- Illinois River near Peoria, Ill., 1903-1906.
- Kankakee River at Davis, Ind., 1905-6.
- Kankakee River at Momence, Ill., 1905-6; 1914-
- Kankakee River at Custer Park, Ill., 1914-
- Yellow River at Knox, Ind., 1905-6.
- Des Plaines River at Riverside, Ill., 1896-1898.
- Des Plaines River above mouth of Jackson Creek, near Channahon, Ill., 1903-1906.
- Des Plaines River above Kankakee River, near Channahon, Ill., 1902-3.
- Des Plaines River at Lemont, Ill., 1914-
- Des Plaines River at Romeo, Ill., 1914.
- Des Plaines River at Joliet, Ill., 1914-
- Fox River at South Elgin, Ill., 1914-15.
- Fox River at Aurora, Ill., 1914.
- Fox River at Sheridan, Ill., 1905-6.
- Fox River at Wedron, Ill., 1914-
- Fox River at Ottawa, Ill., 1903.
- Vermilion River near Streator, Ill., 1914-
- Spoon River at Seville, Ill., 1914-
- Sangamon River at Monticello, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914-
- Sangamon River at Decatur, Ill., 1905.

## Mississippi River tributaries—Continued.

## Illinois River tributaries—Continued.

Sangamon River at Riverton, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914-

Sangamon River at Springfield, Ill., 1903.

Sangamon River near Oakford, Ill., 1909-1912; 1914-

Sangamon River near Chandlerville, Ill., 1908-9.

South Fork of Sangamon River near Taylorville, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914-

Salt Creek near Kenny, Ill., 1908-1912.

Cahokia Creek at Poag, Ill., 1909-1912.

Kaskaskia River near Arcola, Ill., 1908-1912.

Kaskaskia River at Shelbyville, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914.

Kaskaskia River at Vandalia, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914-

Kaskaskia River at Carlyle, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914-15.

Kaskaskia River at New Athens, Ill., 1907-1912; 1914-

Shoal Creek near Breese, Ill., 1909-1912; 1914.

Silver Creek near Lebanon, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914.

Big Muddy River near Cambon, Ill., 1908-1912.

Big Muddy River at Plumfield, Ill., 1914-

Beaucoup Creek near Pinckneyville, Ill., 1908-1912; 1914.

**REPORTS ON WATER RESOURCES OF THE HUDSON BAY AND  
UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER BASINS.****PUBLICATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.****WATER-SUPPLY PAPERS.**

Water-supply papers are distributed free by the Geological Survey as long as its stock lasts. An asterisk (\*) indicates that this stock has been exhausted. Many of the papers marked in this way may, however, be purchased (at prices noted) from the SUPERINTENDENT OF DOCUMENTS, WASHINGTON, D. C. Omission of the price indicates that the report is not obtainable from Government sources. Water-supply papers are of octavo size.

- \*21. Wells of northern Indiana, by Frank Leverett. 1899. 82 pp., 2 pls. (Continued in No. 26.)

Discusses, by counties, glacial deposits and sources of well waters; many well sections.

57. Preliminary list of deep borings in the United States, Part I (Alabama-Montana), by N. H. Darton. 1902. 60 pp. (See No. 149.) 5c.

61. Preliminary list of deep borings in the United States, Part II (Nebraska-Wyoming), by N. H. Darton. 1902. 67 pp. 5c.

Nos. 57 and 61 contain information as to depth, diameter, yield, and head of water in borings more than 400 feet deep. A revised edition was published in 1905 as Water-Supply Paper 149 (q. v.).

96. Destructive floods in the United States in 1903, by E. C. Murphy. 1904. 81 pp., 13 pls. 15c.

Contains notes on early floods in Mississippi Valley.

102. Contributions to the hydrology of eastern United States, 1903; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1904. 522 pp. 30c.

Contains brief reports on wells and springs of Minnesota and Missouri.

The reports comprise tabulated well records giving information as to location, owner, depth, yield, head, etc., supplemented by notes as to elevation above sea, material penetrated, temperature, use, and quality; many miscellaneous analyses.

114. Underground waters of eastern United States; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1905. 285 pp., 18 pls. 25c.

Contains brief reports as follows: Missouri, by E. M. Shepard; Iowa, by W. H. Norton; Minnesota, by C. W. Hall; Wisconsin district, by Alfred R. Schultz; Illinois, by Frank Leverett; Indiana, by Frank Leverett; each of these reports describes briefly the topography of the area, the relation of the geology to the water supplies, and gives list of pertinent publications; lists also principal mineral springs.

117. The lignite of North Dakota and its relation to irrigation, by F. A. Wilder. 1905. 59 pp., 8 pls. 10c.  
Describes the thickness, extent, variations, and fuel value of the lignite and its use for pumping water, the area, soils and lignite of the river flats, and the status of irrigation in the State.
145. Contributions to the hydrology of eastern United States, 1905; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1905. 220 pp., 6 pls. 10c.  
Contains two reports relating to areas draining to Hudson Bay or upper Mississippi River:  
Water resources of Mineral Point quadrangle, Wisconsin, by U. S. Grant. Describes springs, streams, and shallow and deep wells.  
Water supplies at Waterloo, Iowa, by W. H. Norton. Summarizes results of investigations to determine a availability of artesian water to replace the surface supply from Cedar River; discusses necessity of test wells, supplementary supplies, artesian head, and permanency of flow.
149. Preliminary list of deep borings in the United States, second edition, with additions, by N. H. Darton. 1905. 175 pp. 10c.  
Gives by States (and within the States by counties), the location, depth, diameter, yield, height of water, and other features of wells 400 feet or more in depth; includes all wells listed in Water-Supply Papers 57 and 61; mentions also principal publications relating to deep borings.
- \*156. Water powers of northern Wisconsin, by L. S. Smith. 1906. 145 pp., 5 pls. 25c.  
Describes by river systems the drainage, geology, topography, rainfall, and run-off, water powers, and dams.
- \*162. Destructive floods in the United States in 1905, with a discussion of flood discharge and frequency and an index of flood literature, by E. C. Murphy and others. 1906. 105 pp., 4 pls. 15c.  
Contains accounts of floods in southeastern Minnesota, on Devils Creek, Iowa, and in Des Moines County, Iowa; gives estimates of flood discharge and frequency on Illinois River and on Mississippi River at St. Paul; gives also index to literature on floods on American streams.
- \*193. The quality of surface waters in Minnesota, by R. B. Dole and F. F. Wesbrook. 1907. 171 pp., 7 pls. 25c.  
Describes by river basins the topography, geology, and soils, the industrial and municipal pollution of the streams, and gives notes on the municipalities; contains many analyses.
- \*194. Pollution of Illinois and Mississippi Rivers by Chicago sewage (a digest of the testimony taken in the case of the State of Missouri *v.* the State of Illinois and the Sanitary District of Chicago), by M. O. Leighton. 1907. 369 pp., 2 pls. 40c.  
Scope indicated by amplification of title.
- \*195. Underground waters of Missouri, their geology and utilization, by E. M. Shepard. 1907. 224 pp., 6 pls. 30c.  
Describes the topography and geology of the State, the waters of the various formations, and discusses the water supplies by districts and counties, gives statistics of city water supplies, analyses of waters, and many well records.
- \*227. Geology and underground waters of South Dakota, by N. H. Darton. 1909. 156 pp., 15 pls. 40c.  
Describes physical features, geologic formations, water horizons, and, by counties, deep wells and well prospects; gives notes on construction and management of artesian wells.
236. The quality of surface waters in the United States: Part I.—Analyses of waters east of the one hundredth meridian, by R. B. Dole. 1909. 123 pp. 10c.  
Describes collection of samples, methods of examination, preparation of solutions, accuracy of estimates and expression of analytical results; gives results of analyses of waters of Mississippi, Minnesota, Chippewa, Wisconsin, Rock, Iowa, Cedar, Des Moines, Illinois, Kankakee, Fox, Sangamon, Kaskaskia, and Big Muddy rivers.
239. The quality of the surface waters of Illinois, by W. D. Collins. 1910. 94 pp., 3 pls. 10c.  
Discusses the natural and economic features that determine the character of the streams, describes the larger drainage basins, and the methods of collecting and analyzing the samples of water, and discusses each river in detail with reference to its source and course and the quality of water; includes short chapters on municipal supplies and industrial uses.

254. The underground waters of north-central Indiana, by S. R. Capps, with a chapter on the chemical character of the waters, by R. B. Dole. 1910. 279 pp., 7 pls. 40c.

Describes relief, drainage, vegetation, soils, and crops, industrial development, geologic formations; sources, movements, occurrence, and volume of ground water; methods of well construction and lifting devices; discusses, in detail for each county, surface features and drainage, geology and ground water, city, village, and rural supplies, and gives records of wells and analyses of waters. Discusses also, under chemical character, methods of analyses and expression of results, mineral constituents, effect of the constituents on waters for domestic, industrial, and medicinal uses, methods of purification, chemical composition; many analyses and field assays.

256. Geology and underground waters of southern Minnesota, by C. W. Hall, O. E. Meinzer, and M. L. Fuller. 1911. 406 pp., 18 pls. 60c.

Discusses the physiography of the State, geologic formations and their water-bearing capacity, artesian conditions, the mineral quality of the underground waters, types of wells, finishing wells in sand, drilling in quartzite, fluctuation in yield and head, "blowing" and "breathing" wells, freezing of wells, drainage by wells, hydraulic rams, and scientific prospecting for water, municipal supplies, power, storage and distribution, consumption of water, prices, sanitation. Gives by counties details concerning surface features, rocks, yield, head, and quality of water, and summaries and analyses.

293. Underground water resources of Iowa, by W. H. Norton, W. S. Hendrixson, H. E. Simpson, O. E. Meinzer, and others. 1912. 994 pp., 18 pls. 70c.

Describes the relief, drainage, temperature, and precipitation of the State and the geologic formations; discusses the geologic occurrence of underground waters, artesian phenomena and yield of artesian wells, the chemical composition of underground waters, municipal, domestic, and industrial water supplies, and mineral waters; gives details concerning topography, geology, underground waters, and city and village supplies by districts and counties.

- \*345. Contributions to the hydrology of the United States, 1914. N. C. Grover, chief hydraulic engineer. 1915. 225 pp., 17 pls. 30c. Contains:

(i) Gazetteer of surface waters of Iowa, by W. G. Hoyt and H. J. Ryan, pp. 169-221.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS.

Each of the papers contained in the annual reports was also issued in separate form.

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- \*Sixteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1894-95. 4 parts.

\*Pt. II. Papers of an economic character, xix, 598 pp., 43 pls. \$1.25. Contains:

The public lands and their water supply, by F. H. Newell, pp. 457-533, pls. 35 to 39. Describes general character of the public lands, the lands disposed of (railroad, grant, and swamp lands, and private miscellaneous entries), lands reserved (Indian, forest, and military reservations), the vacant lands, and the rate of disposal of vacant lands; discusses the streams, wells, and reservoirs as sources of water supply; gives details for each State.

- Seventeenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1895-96, Charles D. Walcott, Director, 1896; 3 parts in 4 vols. \*Pt. II. Economic geology and hydrography, xxv, 864 pp., 113 pls. \$2.35. Contains:

Preliminary report on artesian waters of a portion of the Dakotas, by N. H. Darton, pp. 603-694, pls. 69 to 107. Gives an outline of the geologic relations; describes the water horizons and the extent of the artesian water, and gives details concerning wells and prospects by counties; discusses the origin, amount, pressure, head, and composition of the artesian waters, the use of artesian water for power, and gives details concerning artesian irrigation by counties; contains also remarks on the construction and management of artesian wells.

\*The water resources of Illinois, by Frank Leverett, pp. 695-849, pls. 108 to 113. Describes the physical features of the State, and the drainage basins, including Illinois, Des Plaines, Kankakee, Fox, Illinois-Vermilion, Spoon, Mackinaw, and Sangamon rivers, Macoupin Creek, Rock River, tributaries of the Mississippi in western Illinois, Kaskaskia, Big Muddy, and tributaries of the Wabash; discusses the rainfall and run-off, navigable waters and water powers, the wells supplying water for rural districts, and artesian wells; contains tabulated artesian well data and water analyses.

**Eighteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1896-97, 5 parts in 6 vols. \*Pt. IV, Hydrography, x, 756 pp., 102 pls. \$1.75. Contains:**

\*The water resources of Indiana and Ohio, by Frank Leverett, pp. 419-560, pls. 33 to 37. Describes the Wabash, Whitewater, Great Miami, Little Miami, Scioto, Hocking, Muskingum, and Beaver rivers, streams and lesser tributaries of the Ohio in Indiana and Ohio, the streams discharging into Lake Erie and Lake Michigan, and streams flowing to the upper Mississippi through the Illinois, discusses shallow and drift wells, the flowing wells from the drift and deeper artesian wells, and gives records of wells at many of the cities; describes the mineral springs, and gives analyses of the waters; contains also tabulated lists of cities using surface waters for water-works, and of cities and villages using shallow and deep-well waters; discusses the source and quality of the city and village supplies; and gives precipitation tables for various points.

#### BULLETINS.

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- \*264. Record of deep well drilling for 1904, by M. L. Fuller, E. F. Lines, and A. C. Veatch. 1905. 106 pp. 10c.

Discusses the importance of accurate well records to the driller, to owners of oil, gas, and water wells, and to the geologist; describes the general methods of work; gives tabulated records of wells in Illinois and Iowa, and detailed records of wells in Boone, Dupage, Henry, and La Salle counties, Ill., and Des Moines and Scott counties, Iowa. These wells were selected because they give definite stratigraphic information.

- \*298. Record of deep-well drilling for 1905, by M. L. Fuller and Samuel Sanford 1906. 299 pp. 25c.

Gives an account of progress in the collection of well records and samples; contains tabulated records of wells in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin; and detailed records of wells in Brown, Hancock, La Salle, Pike, and Schuyler counties, Ill.; Blackhawk, Floyd, Louisa, Mahaska, Scott, and Wapello counties, Iowa; and Hennepin, Ottertail, and Pine counties, Minn. The wells of which detailed sections are given were selected because they afford valuable stratigraphic information.

#### GEOLOGIC FOLIOS.

Under the plan adopted for the preparation of a geologic map of the United States the entire area is divided into small quadrangles bounded by certain meridians and parallels, and these quadrangles, which number several thousand, are separately surveyed and mapped.<sup>1</sup> The unit of survey is also the unit of publication, and the maps and description of each quadrangle are issued in the form of a folio. When all the folios are completed they will constitute the Geologic Atlas of the United States.

A folio is designated by the name of the principal town or of a prominent natural feature within the quadrangle. Each folio includes maps showing the topography, geology, underground structure, and mineral deposits of the area mapped and several pages of descriptive text. The text explains the maps and describes the topographic and geologic features of the country and its mineral products. The topographic map shows roads, railroads, waterways, and, by contour lines, the shapes of hills and valleys and the height above sea level of all points in the quadrangle. The areal-geology map shows the distribution of the various rocks at the surface. The structural-geology map shows the relations of the rocks to one another underground. The economic-geology map indicates the location of mineral deposits that are commercially valuable. The artesian-water map shows the depth to underground-water horizons. Economic-geology and artesian-water maps are included in folios if the conditions in the areas mapped warrant their publication. The folios are of special interest to students of geography and geology and are valuable as guides in the development and utilization of mineral resources.

<sup>1</sup> Index maps showing areas in the Hudson Bay and upper Mississippi River basins covered by topographic maps and by geologic folios will be mailed on receipt of request addressed to the Director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

The folios numbered from 1 to 163, inclusive, are published in only one form (18 by 22 inches), called the library edition. Some of the folios that bear numbers higher than 163 are published also in an octavo edition (6 by 9 inches). Owing to a fire in the Geological Survey building May 18, 1913, the stock of geologic folios was more or less damaged by fire and water, but 80 or 90 per cent of the folios are usable. They will be sold at the uniform price of 5 cents each, with no reduction for wholesale orders. This rate applies to folios in stock from 1 to 184, inclusive (except reprints), also to the library edition of folio 186. The library edition of folios 185, 187, and higher numbers sells for 25 cents a copy, except that some folios which contain an unusually large amount of matter sell at higher prices. The octavo edition of folio 185 and higher numbers sells for 50 cents a copy. A discount of 40 per cent is allowed on an order for folios or for folios together with topographic maps amounting to \$5 at the retail rate.

All the folios contain descriptions of the drainage of the quadrangles. The folios in the following list contain also brief discussions of the underground waters in connection with the economic resources of the areas and more or less information concerning the utilization of the water resources.

An asterisk (\*) indicates that the stock of the folio is exhausted.

117. Casselton-Fargo, North Dakota-Minnesota.

Gives a somewhat detailed account of the water supply, including descriptions and logs of principal wells and tabulated well records; contains artesian-water maps showing areas which will probably yield flowing wells.

\*145. Lancaster-Mineral Point, Wisconsin-Iowa-Illinois.

Discusses the springs, shallow and deep wells, streams and water power; gives analyses of artesian water from well at Dubuque, Iowa.

168. Jamestown-Tower (Jamestown, Eckelson, and Tower quadrangles), North Dakota.<sup>1</sup>

Discusses shallow, deep, and artesian wells; head, pressure, power, volume, and character of the water, and gives a tabulated list of representative wells; contains an artesian-water map showing areas in which flowing wells may probably be obtained.

185. Murphysboro-Herrin, Illinois.

188. Tallula-Springfield, Illinois.

Discusses wells and the wholesomeness of the water; gives analyses of water from wells in the city of Springfield.

195. Belleville-Breese, Illinois.

Discusses wells and gives analyses of water from springs and wells.

#### MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS.

Other Federal bureaus and State and other organizations have from time to time published reports relating to the water resources of the various sections of the country. Notable among those pertaining to the Hudson Bay and upper Mississippi River basins are the reports of the State surveys of Illinois and North Dakota, the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin, the Illinois Water-Supply Commission, and the Rivers and Lakes Commission of Illinois, and the water-power report of the Tenth Census (vol. 17). The following reports deserve special mention:

Contributions to the physical geography of the United States, Part I. On the physical geography of the Mississippi Valley, with suggestions for the improvement of navi-

<sup>1</sup> Issued in two editions (see first paragraph, this page). Specify which edition is wanted.

gation of the Ohio and other rivers, by Charles Ellet, jr.: Smithsonian Pub. 13, Washington, 1850.

The Mississippi and Ohio rivers, by Charles H. Ellet. 1853.

Report upon the physics and hydraulics of the Mississippi River, by A. A. Humphreys and H. L. Abbott.

The mineral content of Illinois waters, by Edward Bartow, J. A. Udden, S. W. Parr, and George T. Palmer: Illinois State Geol. Survey Bull. 10, 1909.

Water resources of the East St. Louis district, by Isaiah Bowman: Illinois State Geol. Survey Bull. 5, 1907.

Chemical and biological survey of waters of Illinois, by Edward Bartow: Univ. Illinois Pub. 3, 6, 7, 1906-1909.

Chemical survey of the waters of Illinois, report for the years 1897-1902, by A. W. Palmer, with report on Geology of Illinois as related to its water supply, by Charles W. Rolfe: Univ. Illinois Pub.

Report and plans for the reclamation of lands subject to overflow in the Kaskaskia River Valley, Illinois; begun under the direction of the Internal Improvement Commission; completed and published under the direction of the Rivers and Lakes Commission of Illinois, by Jacob A. Harman. 1912.

Diversion of the waters of the Great Lakes by way of the sanitary and ship canal of Chicago: A brief of the facts and issues, by Lyman E. Cooley, Chicago, 1913.

The State of Missouri *vs.* the State of Illinois and the Sanitary district of Chicago, before Frank S. Bright, Commissioner of the Supreme Court of the United States. 1904.

The mineral waters of Indiana, their location, origin, and character, by W. S. Blatchley: Indiana Dept. Geology and Nat. Res. Twenty-sixth Ann. Rept., 1901.

Report of the water resources investigation of Minnesota by the State drainage commission, 1910.

Report of the commission on conservation [Montana] on bills relating to the public lands, water rights, and the protection and preservation of the forests, 1911.

Governor's message relating to conservation [in Montana] on bills relating to public lands, water rights, and the protection and preservation of the forests.

Water resources of the Devils Lake region, North Dakota, by E. J. Babcock: North Dakota Geol. Survey, Second Bienn. Rept., 1903.

The water powers of Wisconsin, by Leonard S. Smith: Wisconsin Geol. and Nat. Hist. Survey Bull. 20. Madison, Wis., 1908.

Report of the Railroad Commission of Wisconsin to the legislature on water powers. Madison, Wis., 1915.

Many of these reports can be obtained by applying to the several organizations, and most of them can be consulted in the public libraries of the larger cities.



## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HYDROLOGIC REPORTS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

The following list comprises reports not readily classifiable by drainage basins and covering a wide range of hydrologic investigations:

### WATER-SUPPLY PAPERS.

- \*1. Pumping water for irrigation, by H. M. Wilson. 1896. 57 pp., 9 pls.  
Describes pumps and motive powers, windmills, water wheels, and various kinds of engines; also storage reservoirs to retain pumped water until needed for irrigation.
- \*3. Sewage irrigation, by G. W. Rafter. 1897. 100 pp., 4 pls. 10c. (See Water-Supply Paper 22.)  
Discusses methods of sewage disposal by intermittent filtration and by irrigation; describes utilization of sewage in Germany, England, and France and sewage purification in the United States.
- \*8. Windmills for irrigation, by E. C. Murphy. 1897. 49 pp., 8 pls. 10c.  
Gives results of experimental tests of windmills during the summer of 1896 in the vicinity of Garden, Kans.; describes instruments and methods and draws conclusions.
- \*14. New tests of certain pumps and water lifts used in irrigation, by O. P. Hood. 1898. 91 pp., 1 pl. 10c.  
Discusses efficiency of pumps and water lifts of various types.
- \*20. Experiments with windmills, by T. O. Perry. 1899. 97 pp., 12 pls. 15c.  
Includes tables and descriptions of wind wheels, makes comparisons of wheels of several types and discusses results.
- \*22. Sewage irrigation, Part II, by G. W. Rafter. 1899. 100 pp., 7 pls. 15c.  
Gives résumé of Water-Supply Paper No. 3; discusses pollution of certain streams, experiments on purification of factory wastes in Massachusetts, value of commercial fertilizers, and describes American sewage-disposal plants by States; contains bibliography of publications relating to sewage, ntilization, and disposal.
- \*32. Water resources of Puerto Rico, by H. M. Wilson. 1899. 48 pp., 17 pls. 15c.  
Describes briefly topography, climate, rivers, irrigation methods, soils, forestation, water power, and transportation facilities.
- \*41. The windmill; its efficiency and economic use, Part I, by E. C. Murphy. 1901. 72 pp., 14 pls. 15c.
- \*42. The windmill; its efficiency and economic use, Part II, by E. C. Murphy. 1901. 75 pp., 2 pls. 10c.  
Nos. 41 and 42 give details of results of experimental tests with windmills of various types.
- \*43. Conveyance of water in irrigation canals, flumes, and pipes, by Samuel Fortier. 1901. 86 pp., 15 pls. 15c.
- \*44. Profiles of rivers in the United States, by Henry Gannett. 1901. 100 pp., 11 pls. 15c.  
Gives elevations and distances along rivers of the United States; also brief descriptions of many of the streams. Arrangement geographic. Many river profiles are scattered through other reports on surface waters of various parts of the United States.
- \*56. Methods of stream measurement. 1901. 51 pp., 12 pls. 15c.  
Describes the methods used by the survey in 1901-2. (See also Nos. 64, 94, and 95.)

64. Accuracy of stream measurements, by E. C. Murphy. 1902. 99 pp., 4 pls. (See No. 95.) 10c.

Describes methods of measuring velocity of water and of measuring and computing stream flow and compares results obtained with the different instruments and methods; describes also experiments and results at the Cornell University hydraulic laboratory. A second, enlarged edition published as Water-Supply Paper 95.

- \*67. The motions of underground waters, by C. S. Slichter. 1902. 106 pp., 8 pls. 15c.

Discusses origin, depth, and amount of ground waters; permeability of rocks and porosity of soils; causes, rates, and laws of motions of ground water; surface and deep zones of flow, and recovery of waters by open wells and artesian and deep wells; treats of the shape and position of the water table; gives simple methods of measuring yield of flowing well.

72. Sewage pollution in the metropolitan area near New York City and its effect on inland water resources, by M. O. Leighton. 1902. 75 pp., 8 pls. 10c.

Defines "normal" and "polluted" waters and discusses the damage resulting from pollution.

77. The water resources of Molokai, Hawaiian Islands, by Waldemar Lindgren. 1903. 62 pp., 4 pls. 10c.

Describes topography and geology of the island, the springs, running streams, and wells; discusses utilization of the surface and underground waters.

79. Normal and polluted waters in northeastern United States, by M. O. Leighton. 1903. 192 pp. 10c.

Defines essential qualities of water for various uses, the impurities in rain, surface, and ground waters, meaning and importance of sanitary analyses, and principal sources of pollution.

- \*80. The relation of rainfall to run-off, by G. W. Rafter. 1903. 104 pp. 10c.

Treats of measurements of rainfall and laws and measurements of stream flow; gives rainfall, run-off, and evaporation formulas; discusses effect of forests on rainfall and run-off.

87. Irrigation in India (second edition), by H. M. Wilson. 1903. 238 pp., 27 pls. 25c.

First edition was published in Part II of the Twelfth Annual Report.

93. Proceedings of first conference of engineers of the Reclamation Service, with accompanying papers, compiled by F. H. Newell, chief engineer. 1904. 361 pp. 25c.

Contains the following papers of more or less general interest:

- Limits of an irrigation project, by D. W. Ross.
- Relation of Federal and State laws to irrigation, by Morris Bien.
- Electrical transmission of power for pumping, by H. A. Storrs.
- Correct design and stability of high masonry dams, by Geo. Y. Wisner.
- Irrigation surveys and the use of the plane table, by J. B. Lippincott.
- The use of alkaline waters for irrigation, by Thomas A. Means.

- \*94. Hydrographic manual of the United States Geological Survey, prepared by E. C. Murphy, J. C. Hoyt, and G. B. Hollister. 1904. 76 pp., 3 pls. 10c.

Gives instruction for field and office work relating to measurements of stream flow by current meters. See also No. 95.

- \*95. Accuracy of stream measurement (second, enlarged edition), by E. C. Murphy. 1904. 169 pp., 6 pls.

Describes methods of measuring and computing stream flow and compares results derived from different instruments and methods. See also No. 94.

103. A review of the laws forbidding pollution of inland waters in the United States, by E. B. Goodell. 1904. 120 pp. (See No. 152.)

Explains the legal principles under which antipollution statutes become operative, quotes court decisions to show authority for various deductions, and classifies according to scope the statutes enacted in the different States.

110. Contributions to the hydrology of eastern United States, 1904; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1905. 211 pp., 5 pls. 10c.

Contains the following reports of general interest. The scope of each paper is indicated by its title.

Description of underflow meter used in measuring the velocity and direction of underground water, by Charles S. Slichter.

The California or "stovepipe" method of well construction, by Charles S. Slichter.

Approximate methods of measuring the yield of flowing wells, by Charles S. Slichter.

Corrections necessary in accurate determinations of flow from vertical well casings, from notes furnished by A. N. Talbot.

Experiment relating to problems of well contamination at Quitman, Ga., by S. W. McCallie.

Notes on the hydrology of Cuba, by M. L. Fuller.

113. The disposal of strawboard and oil-well wastes, by R. L. Sackett and Isaiah Bowman. 1905. 52 pp., 4 pls. 5c.

The first paper discusses the pollution of streams by sewage and by trade wastes, describes the manufacture of strawboard and gives results of various experiments in disposing of the waste. The second paper describes briefly the topography, drainage, and geology of the region about Marion, Ind., the contamination of rock wells and of streams by waste oil and brine.

114. Underground waters of eastern United States; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1905. 285 pp., 18 pls. 25c.

Contains report on "Occurrence of underground waters," by M. L. Fuller, discussing sources, amount, and temperature of waters; permeability and storage capacity of rocks, water-bearing formations; recovery of water by springs, wells, and pumps; essential conditions of artesian flows; and general conditions affecting underground waters in eastern United States.

115. River surveys and profiles made during 1903, by W. C. Hall and J. C. Hoyt. 1905. 115 pp., 4 pls. 10c.

Contains results of surveys made to determine location of undeveloped power sites.

119. Index to the hydrographic progress reports of the United States Geological Survey, 1888 to 1903, by J. C. Hoyt and B. D. Wood. 1905. 253 pp. 15c.

Scope indicated by title.

120. Bibliographic review and index of papers relating to underground waters published by the United States Geological Survey, 1879-1904, by M. L. Fuller. 1905. 128 pp. 10c.

Scope indicated by title.

- \*122. Relation of the law to underground waters, by D. W. Johnson. 1905. 55 pp. 5c.

Defines and classifies underground waters, gives common-law rules relating to their use, and cites States legislative acts affecting them.

140. Field measurements of the rate of movement of underground waters, by C. S. Slichter. 1905. 122 pp., 15 pls. 15c.

Discusses the capacity of sand to transmit water; describes measurements of underflow in Rio Hondo, San Gabriel, and Mohave River valleys, Cal., and on Long Island, N. Y.; gives results of tests of wells and pumping plants, and describes stovepipe method of well construction.

143. Experiments on steel-concrete pipes on a working scale, by J. H. Quinton. 1905. 61 pp., 4 pls.

Scope indicated by title.

144. The normal distribution of chlorine in the natural waters of New York and New England, by D. D. Jackson. 1905. 31 pp., 5 pls. 10c.

Discusses common salt in coast and inland waters; salt as an index to pollution of streams and wells; the solutions and methods used in chlorine determinations, and the use of the normal chlorine map; gives charts and tables for chlorine in the New England States and New York.

145. Contributions to the hydrology of eastern United States, 1905; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1905. 220 pp., 6 pls. 10c.  
 Contains brief reports of general interest as follows:  
 Drainage of ponds into drilled wells, by Robert E. Horton. Discusses efficiency, cost, and capacity of drainage wells and gives statistics of such wells in southern Michigan.  
 Construction of so-called fountain and geyser springs, by Myron L. Fuller.  
 A convenient gage for determining low artesian heads, by Myron L. Fuller.
146. Proceedings of second conference of engineers of the Reclamation Service, with accompanying papers, compiled by F. H. Newell, chief engineer. 1905. 267 pp. 15c.  
 Contains brief account of the organization of the hydrographic [water-resources] branch and the Reclamation Service, reports of conferences and committees, circulars of instruction, and many brief reports on subjects closely related to reclamation, and a bibliography of technical papers by members of the service. Of the papers read at the conference those listed below (scope indicated by title) are of more or less general interest:  
 Proposed State code of water laws, by Morris Bien.  
 Power engineering applied to irrigation problems, by O. H. Ensign.  
 Estimates on tunneling in irrigation projects, by A. L. Fellows.  
 Collection of stream-gaging data, by N. C. Grover.  
 Diamond-drill methods, by G. A. Hammond.  
 Mean-velocity and area curves, by F. W. Hanna.  
 Importance of general hydrographic data concerning basins of streams gaged, by R. E. Horton.  
 Effect of aquatic vegetation on stream flow, by R. E. Horton.  
 Sanitary regulations governing construction camps, by M. O. Leighton.  
 Necessity of draining irrigated land, by Thos. H. Means.  
 Alkali soils, by Thos. H. Means.  
 Cost of stream-gaging work, by E. C. Murphy.  
 Equipment of a cable gaging station, by E. C. Murphy.  
 Silting of reservoirs, by W. M. Reed.  
 Farm-unit classification, by D. W. Ross.  
 Cost of power for pumping irrigating water, by H. A. Storrs.  
 Records of flow at current-meter gaging stations during the frozen season, by F. H. Tillinghast.
147. Destructive floods in United States in 1904, by E. C. Murphy and others. 1905. 206 pp., 18 pls. 15c.  
 Contains a brief account of "A method of computing cross-section area of waterways," including formulas for maximum discharge and areas of cross section.
150. Weir experiments, coefficients, and formulas, by R. E. Horton. 1906. 189 pp., 38 pls. (See Water-Supply Paper 200.) 15c.  
 Scope indicated by title.
- \*151. Field assay of water, by M. O. Leighton. 1905. 77 pp., 4 pls. 10c.  
 Discusses methods, instruments, and reagents used in determining turbidity, color, iron, chlorides, and hardness in connection with the studies of the quality of water in various parts of the United States.
152. A review of the laws forbidding pollution of inland waters in the United States, second edition, by E. B. Goodell. 1905. 149 pp. 10c.  
 Scope indicated by title.
- \*155. Fluctuations of the water level in wells, with special reference to Long Island, N. Y., by A. C. Veatch. 1906. 83 pp., 9 pls. 25c.  
 Includes general discussion of fluctuation due to rainfall and evaporation, barometric changes, temperature changes in rivers, changes in lake level, tidal changes, effects of settlement, irrigation, dams, underground-water development, and to indeterminate causes.
- \*160. Underground-water papers, 1906; M. L. Fuller, geologist in charge. 1906. 104 pp., 1 pl.  
 Gives account of work in 1905; lists of publications relating to underground waters, and contains the following brief reports of general interest:  
 Significance of the term "artesian," by Myron L. Fuller.  
 Representation of wells and springs on maps, by Myron L. Fuller.  
 Total amount of free water in the earth's crust, by Myron L. Fuller.  
 Use of fluorescein in the study of underground waters, by R. B. Dole.  
 Problems of water contamination, by Isaiah Bowman.  
 Instances of improvement of water in wells, by Myron L. Fuller.

- \*162. Destructive floods in the United States in 1905, with a discussion of flood discharge and frequency and an index to flood literature, by E. C. Murphy and others. 1906. 105 pp., 4 pls. 15c.

- \*163. Bibliographic review and index of underground-water literature published in the United States in 1905, by M. L. Fuller, F. G. Clapp, and B. L. Johnson. 1906. 130 pp. 15c.

Scope indicated by title.

- \*179. Prevention of stream pollution by distillery refuse, based on investigations at Lynchburg, Ohio, by Herman Stabler. 1906. 34 pp., 1 pl. 10c.

Describes grain distillation, treatment of slop, sources, character, and effects of effluents on streams; discusses filtration, precipitation, fermentation, and evaporation methods of disposal of wastes without pollution.

- \*180. Turbine water-wheel tests and power tables, by R. E. Horton. 1906. 134 pp., 2 pls. 20c.

Scope indicated by title.

- \*185. Investigations on the purification of Boston sewage, by C-E. A. Winslow and E. B. Phelps. 1906. 163 pp. 25c.

Discusses composition, disposal, purification, and treatment of sewages and recent tendencies in sewage-disposal practice in England, Germany, and the United States; describes character of crude sewage at Boston, removal of suspended matter, treatment in septic tanks, and purification in intermittent sand filtration and coarse material; gives bibliography.

- \*186. Stream pollution by acid-iron wastes, a report based on investigations made at Shelby, Ohio, by Herman Stabler. 1906. 36 pp., 1 pl. 10c.

Gives history of pollution by acid-iron wastes at Shelby, Ohio, and resulting litigation; discusses effect of acid-iron liquors on sewage purification processes, recovery of copperas from acid-iron wastes, and other processes for removal of pickling liquor.

- \*187. Determination of stream flow during the frozen season, by H. K. Barrows and R. E. Horton. 1907. 93 pp., 1 pl. 15c.

Scope indicated by title.

- \*189. The prevention of stream pollution by strawboard waste, by E. B. Phelps, 1906. 29 pp., 2 pls. 5c.

Describes manufacture of strawboard, present and proposed methods of disposal of waste liquors, laboratory investigations of precipitation and sedimentation, and field studies of amounts and character of water used, raw material and finished product, and mechanical filtration.

- \*194. Pollution of Illinois and Mississippi rivers by Chicago sewage (a digest of the testimony taken in the case of the State of Missouri v. the State of Illinois and the Sanitary District of Chicago), by M. O. Leighton. 1907. 369 pp., 2 pls. 40c.

Scope indicated by amplification of title.

- \*196. Water supply of Nome region, Seward Peninsula, Alaska, 1906, by J. C. Hoyt and F. F. Henshaw. 1907. 52 pp., 6 pls. 15c.

Gives results of measurements of flow of Alaskan streams, discusses available water supply for ditch and pipe lines and power development; presents notes for investors.

- \*200. Weir experiments, coefficients, and formulas, revision of paper No. 150, by R. E. Horton. 1907. 195 pp., 38 pls. 35c.

Scope indicated by title.

- \*218. Water-supply investigations in Alaska, 1906-07 (Nome and Kougarek regions, Seward Peninsula; Fairbanks district, Yukon-Tanana region), by F. F. Henshaw and C. C. Covert. 1908. 156 pp., 12 pls. 25c.

Describes the drainage basins, gives results of observations at the gaging stations, and discusses the water supply of the ditches and pipe lines, and possibilities of development; gives also meteorological records.

- \*226. The pollution of streams by sulphite pulp waste, a study of possible remedies, by E. B. Phelps. 1909. 37 pp., 1 pl. 10c.

Describes manufacture of sulphite pulp, the waste liquors, and the experimental work leading to suggestions as to methods of preventing stream pollution.

228. Water-supply investigations of the Yukon-Tanana region, Alaska, 1907 and 1908, Fairbanks, Circle, and Rampart districts, by C. C. Covert and C. E. Ellsworth. 1909. 108 pp., 7 pls. 20c.

Describes the drainage basins; gives results of observations at gaging stations; discusses the water supplies of the ditches and pipe lines and possibilities of hydraulic development.

- \*229. The disinfection of sewage and sewage filter effluents, with a chapter on the putrescibility and stability of sewage effluents, by E. B. Phelps. 1909. 91 pp., 1 pl. 15c.

Scope indicated by title.

- \*234. Papers on the conservation of water resources. 1909. 96 pp., 2 pls. 15c.

Contains the following papers, whose scope is indicated by their titles: Distribution of rainfall, by Henry Gannett; Floods, by M. O. Leighton; Developed water powers, compiled under the direction of W. M. Steuart, with discussion by M. O. Leighton; Undeveloped water powers, by M. O. Leighton; Irrigation, by F. H. Newell; Underground waters, by W. C. Mendenhall; Denudation, by R. B. Dole and Herman Stabler; Control of catchment areas, by H. N. Parker.

- \*235. The purification of some textile and other factory wastes, by Herman Stabler and G. H. Pratt. 1909. 76 pp. 10c.

Discusses waste waters from wool scouring, bleaching and dyeing cotton yarn, bleaching cotton piece goods, and manufacture of oleomargarine, fertilizer, and glue.

236. The quality of surface waters in the United States: Part I.—Analyses of waters east of the one hundredth meridian, by R. B. Dole. 1909. 123 pp. 10c.

Describes collection of samples, method of examination, preparation of solutions, accuracy of estimates, and expression of analytical results.

238. The public utility of water powers and their governmental regulation, by René Tavernier and M. O. Leighton. 1910. 161 pp. 15c.

Discusses hydraulic power and irrigation, French, Italian, and Swiss legislation relative to the development of water powers, and laws proposed in the French Parliament, reviews work of bureau of hydraulics and agricultural improvement of the French department of agriculture, and gives résumé of Federal and State water-power legislation in the United States.

- \*255. Underground waters for farm use, by M. L. Fuller. 1910. 58 pp., 17 pls. 15c.

Discusses rocks as sources of water supply and the relative safety of supplies from different materials; springs and their protection; open or dug and deep wells, their location, yield, relative cost, protection, and safety; advantages and disadvantages of cisterns and combination wells and cisterns.

- \*257. Well-drilling methods, by Isaiah Bowman. 1911. 139 pp., 4 pls. 15c.

Discusses amount, distribution, and disposal of rainfall, water-bearing rocks, amount of underground water, artesian conditions, and oil and gas bearing formations; gives history of well drilling in Asia, Europe, and the United States; describes in detail the various methods and the machinery used; discusses loss of tools and geologic difficulties; contamination of well waters and methods of prevention; tests of capacity and measurement of depth; and costs of sinking wells.

- \*258. Underground water-papers, 1910, by M. L. Fuller, F. G. Clapp, G. C. Matson, Samuel Sanford, and H. C. Wolff. 1911. 123 pp., 2 pls. 15c.

Contains the following papers (scope indicated by titles) of general interest:

Drainage by wells, by M. L. Fuller.

Freezing of wells and related phenomena, by M. L. Fuller.

Pollution of underground waters in limestone, by G. C. Matson.

Protection of shallow wells in sandy deposits, by M. L. Fuller.

Magnetic wells, by M. L. Fuller.

259. The underground waters of southwestern Ohio, by M. L. Fuller and F. G. Clapp, with a discussion of the chemical character of the waters, by R. B. Dole. 1912. 228 pp., 9 pls. 35c.

Describes the topography, climate, and geology of the region, the water-bearing formations, the source, mode of occurrence, and head of the waters, and municipal supplies; gives details by counties; discusses in supplement, under chemical character, method of analysis and expression of results, mineral constituents, effect of the constituents on waters for domestic, industrial, or medicinal uses, methods of purification, chemical composition; many analyses and field assays. The matter in the supplement was also published in Water-Supply Paper 254 (The underground waters of north-central Indiana).

274. Some stream waters of the western United States, with chapters on sediment carried by the Rio Grande and the industrial application of water analyses, by Herman Stabler. 1911. 188 pp. 15c.

Describes collection of samples, plan of analytical work, and methods of analyses; discusses soap-consuming power of waters, water softening, boiler waters, and water for irrigation; gives results of analyses of waters of the Rio Grande and of Pecos, Gallinas, and Hondo Rivers.

280. Gaging stations maintained by the United States Geological Survey, 1888-1910, and Survey publications relating to water resources, compiled by B. D. Wood. 1912. 102 pp. 10c.

314. Surface water supply of Seward Peninsula, Alaska, by F. F. Henshaw and G. L. Parker, with a sketch of the geography and geology by P. S. Smith, and a description of methods of placer mining by A. H. Brooks. 1913. 317 pp., 17 pls. 45c.

Contains results of work at gaging stations.

- \*315. The purification of public water supplies, by G. A. Johnson. 1913. 84 pp., 8 pls. 10c.

Discusses ground, lake, and river waters as public supplies, development of waterworks systems in the United States, water consumption, and typhoid fever; describes methods of filtration and sterilization of water, and municipal water softening.

318. Water resources of Hawaii, 1909-1911, by W. F. Martin and C. H. Pierce. 1913. 552 pp., 15 pls. 50c.

Describes the general features of the islands and gives results of measurements of streams and of observations of rainfall and evaporation; contains a gazetteer.

334. The Ohio Valley flood of March-April, 1913, (including comparisons with some earlier floods), by A. H. Horton and H. J. Jackson. 1913. 96 pp. 22 pls. 20c.

Although relating specifically to floods in the Ohio Valley, this report discusses also the causes of floods and the prevention of damage by floods.

336. Water resources of Hawaii, 1912, by C. H. Pierce and G. K. Larrison. 1914. 392 pp. 50c.

Contains results of stream measurements in 1912.

337. The effects of ice on stream flow, by William Glenn Hoyt. 1913. 77 pp., 7 pls., 15c.

Discusses methods of measuring the winter flow of streams.

342. Surface water supply of the Yukon-Tanana region, Alaska, by C. E. Ellsworth and R. W. Davenport. 1915. 343 pp., 13 pls. 45c.

Presents results of 6 years' observations of the water supply of the Yukon-Tanana region, discusses climate and precipitation, and gives station records.

- \*345. Contributions to the hydrology of the United States, 1914. N. C. Grover, chief hydraulic engineer. 1915. 225 pp., 17 pls. 30c. Contains:

(e) A method of determining the daily discharge of rivers of variable slope, by M. R. Hall. W. E. Hall, and C. H. Pierce, pp. 53-65. Scope indicated by title.

(f) The discharge of Yukon River at Eagle, Alaska, by E. A. Porter and R. W. Davenport, pp. 67-77, Pls. 4 and 5. Describes briefly the location and size of the Yukon basin, the climatic conditions in the basin, and methods of collecting hydrometric data; compares run-off with precipitation, and gives table showing the discharge of some of the large rivers in the United States as compared with the discharge of the Yukon and the Nile.

364. Water analyses from the laboratory of the United States Geological Survey, tabulated by F. W. Clarke, chief chemist. 1914. 40 pp. 5c.  
Contains analyses of waters from rivers, lakes, wells, and springs in various parts of the United States, including analyses of the geyser water of Yellowstone National Park, hot springs in Montana, brines from Death Valley, water from the Gulf of Mexico, and mine waters from Tennessee, Michigan, Missouri, and Oklahoma, Montana, Colorado and Utah, Nevada and Arizona, and California.
371. Equipment for current-meter gaging stations, by G. J. Lyon. 1915. 64 pp., 37 pls. 20c.  
Describes methods of installing automatic and other gages and of constructing gage wells, shelters, and structures for making discharge measurements and artificial controls.
372. A water-power reconnaissance in south-central Alaska, by C. E. Ellsworth and R. W. Davenport, with a section on southeastern Alaska, by J. C. Hoyt. 1915. 173 pp., 22 pls. 20c.
373. Water resources of Hawaii, 1913, by G. K. Larrison. 1915. 190 pp. 20c.
- \*375. Contributions to the hydrology of the United States, 1915; N. C. Grover, chief hydraulic engineer. Contains:  
(c) The relation of stream gaging to the science of hydraulics, by C. H. Pierce and R. W. Davenport, pp. 77-84.  
(e) A method for correcting river discharge for changing stage, by B. E. Jones, pp. 117-130.  
(f) Conditions requiring the use of automatic gages in obtaining stream-flow records, by C. H. Pierce, pp. 131-139.  
Three papers presented at the conference of engineers of the water-resources branch in December, 1914.
400. Contributions to the hydrology of the United States, 1916; N. C. Grover, chief hydraulic engineer. Contains:  
(a) The people's interest in water-power resources, by G. O. Smith, pp. 1-8.  
(c) The measurement of silt-laden streams, by R. C. Pierce, pp. 39-51.  
(d) Accuracy of stream-flow data, by N. C. Grover and J. C. Hoyt, pp. 53-59.

## ANNUAL REPORTS.

- \*Fifth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1883-84, J. W. Powell, Director. 1885. xxxvi, 469 pp., 58 pls. \$2.25. Contains:  
\*The requisite and qualifying conditions of artesian wells, by T. C. Chamberlin, pp. 125-173, pl. 21. Scope indicated by title.
- Twelfth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1890-91, J. W. Powell, Director. 1891. 2 parts. \*Pt. II, Irrigation, xviii, 576 pp., 93 pls. \$2. Contains:  
\*Irrigation in India, by H. M. Wilson, pp. 368-561, pls. 107 to 146. See Water-Supply Paper 87.
- Thirteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1891-92, J. W. Powell, Director. 1892. (Pts. II and III, 1893.) 3 parts. \*Pt. III, Irrigation, xi, 486 pp., 77 pls. \$1.85. Contains:  
\*American irrigation engineering, by H. M. Wilson, pp. 101-349, pls. 111 to 145. Discusses the economical aspects of irrigation, alkaline drainage, silt and sedimentation; gives brief history of legislation; describes perennial canals in Idaho, California, Wyoming, and Arizona; discusses water storage at reservoirs of the California and other projects, subsurface sources of supply, pumping, and subirrigation.
- Fourteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1892-93, J. W. Powell, Director. 1893. (Pt. II, 1894.) 2 parts. \*Pt. II, Accompanying papers, xx, 597 pp., 73 pls. \$2.10. Contains:  
\*Potable waters of the eastern United States, by W. J. McGee, pp. 1 to 47. Discusses cistern water, stream waters, and ground waters, including mineral springs and artesian wells.  
\*Natural mineral waters of the United States, by A. C. Peale, pp. 49-88, pls. 3 and 4. Discusses the origin and flow of mineral springs, the source of mineralization, thermal springs, the chemical composition and analysis of spring waters, geographic distribution, and the utilization of mineral waters; gives a list of American mineral spring resorts; contains also some analyses.



Nineteenth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1897-98, Charles D. Walcott, Director. 1898. (Parts II, III, and V, 1899.) 6 parts in 7 vols. and separate case for maps with Pt. V. \*Pt. II.—Papers chiefly of a theoretic nature, v, 958 pp., 172 pls. \$2.65. Contains:

\*Principles and conditions of the movements of ground water, by F. H. King, pp. 59-294, pls. 6 to 16. Discusses the amount of water stored in sandstone, in soil, and in other rocks, the depth to which ground water penetrates; gravitational, thermal, and capillary movements of ground waters, and the configuration of the ground-water surface; gives the results of experimental investigations on the flow of air and water through a rigid, porous medium, and through sands, sandstones, and silts; discusses results obtained by other investigators, and summarizes results of observations; discusses also rate of flow of water through sand and rock, the growth of rivers, rate of filtration through soil, interference of wells, etc.

\*Theoretical investigation of the motion of ground waters, by C. S. Slichter, pp. 295-384, pls. 17. Scope indicated by title.

Twentieth Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1898-99, Charles D. Walcott, Director. 1899. (Parts II, III, IV, V, and VII, 1900.) 7 parts in 8 vols. and separate case for maps with Pt. V. \*Pt. IV, Hydrography, vii, 660 pp., 75 pls. \$1.40. Contains:

\*Hydrography of Nicaragua, by A. P. Davis, pp. 563-637, pls. 64 to 75. Describes the topographic features of the boundary, the lake basin and Rio San Juan; gives a brief résumé of the boundary dispute; discusses rainfall, temperature, and relative humidity, evaporation, resources, and productions, the ship-railway and canal projects; gives the history of the investigations of the Canal Commission, and results of measurements on the Rio Grande, on streams tributary to Lake Nicaragua, and on Rio San Juan and its tributaries.

Twenty-second Annual Report of the United States Geological Survey, 1900-1901, Charles D. Walcott, Director. 1901. (Parts III and IV, 1902.) 4 parts.

\*Pt. IV, Hydrography, 690 pp., 65 pls. \$2.20. Contains:

\*Hydrography of the American Isthmus, by A. P. Davis, pp. 507-630, Pls. 37 to 50. Describes the physiography, temperature, rainfall, and winds of Central America; discusses the hydrography of the Nicaragua Canal route and the Panama Canal route; gives estimated monthly discharges of many of the streams, rainfall, and evaporation tables at various points.

#### PROFESSIONAL PAPERS.

\*72. Denudation and erosion in the southern Appalachian region and the Monongahela basin, by L. C. Glenn. 1911. 137 pp., 21 pls. 35c.

Describes the topography, geology, drainage, forests, climate and population, and transportation facilities of the region, the relation of agriculture, lumbering, mining, and power development to erosion and denudation, and the nature, effects, and remedies of erosion; gives details of conditions in Holston, Nolichucky, French Broad, Little Tennessee, and Hiwassee river basins, along Tennessee River proper, and in the basins of the Coosa-Alabama system, Chattahoochee, Savannah, Saluda, Broad, Catawba, Yadkin, New, and Monongahela rivers.

#### BULLETINS.

\*32. Lists and analyses of the mineral springs of the United States (a preliminary study), by A. C. Peale. 1886. 235 pp.

Defines mineral waters, lists the springs by States, and gives tables of analyses so far as available.

\*264. Record of deep well drilling for 1904, by M. L. Fuller, E. F. Lines, and A. C. Veatch. 1905. 106 pp. 10c.

\*298. Record of deep-well drilling for 1905, by M. L. Fuller and Samuel Sanford. 1906. 299 pp. 25c.

Bulletins 264 and 298 discuss the importance of accurate well records to the driller, to owners of oil, gas, and water wells, and to the geologist; describes the general methods of work; gives tabulated records of wells by States, and detailed records selected as affording valuable stratigraphic information.

- \*319. Summary of the controlling factors of artesian flows, by Myron L. Fuller. 1908. 44 pp. 7 pls. 10c.

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