
RED RIVER NOT NAVIGABLE

GOVERNMENT AT LAST DISCONTINUES APPROPRIATION FOR DREDGING UPPER RIVER

CAPT. HAYES TO MISSISSIPPI

BIG DREDGING EQUIPMENT AT GRAND FORKS WILL BE STORED

The Red River of the North, once a highway of commerce, was abandoned this week by the federal government as a navigable stream, so far as continued maintenance of work thereon is concerned.

Captain J. F. Hayes, in charge of the government dredging fleet at Grand Forks for 25 years, has gone to Grand Rapids, Minn., and will take charge of the work the government is doing on the upper Mississippi.

The failure of congress to continue the support of the Red river dredging work is responsible for the steps that have been taken by the army engineering corps in sending Captain Hayes to the Mississippi river enterprise. The big government equipment on the Red river will be docked and stored at Grand Forks.

The Red River of the North, on which there has been no navigation for many years because of a low stage of water, was once an avenue for a great deal of commerce. Boats plied between Moorhead and Fort Gary, now Winnipeg, for many years. At present there is no transportation on the river south of Winnipeg.
