

DAHU LOSING FAMOUS BEACH

Dredging Depriving Waikiki of World-Famed Sandy Slopes.

The sand beach in front of the Moana and Seaside hotels continues to dwindle away, exposing the coral, and deep inroads are being made into the banks which are so far unprotected by bulkheads. In front of the two hotels plank walls were erected to hold the sand which is the foundation under the lawns, from being swept into the sea. Gradually the sand before these walls is being carried away and on Saturday and Sunday the banks on the Moana Hotel side of the Outrigger lagoon began to cave in and some of the palms are threatened.

Those who have been following the peculiar action of the sand beach now state positively that the dredger is responsible for the sand carrying away. For months the beach has been washing away and it has been during the time the dredger has been at work in the water fronting Fort De Russy. The dredger is pumping up and forcing through a pipe line, coral and sand which is deposited in the swamp lands being reclaimed by the war department for a barracks site.

The dredger was brought through the Brown channel, and when it had to work toward De Russy, it began dredging its own channel and for several months has been working a large area of sea front for filling material. The Brown channel and the newly dredged channel now form a sluiceway through which the sand from the hotels is carried along to the dredger where it is pumped into the pipe line.

There have been many complaints by bathers of late regarding the sharp coral where once was smooth, sandy beach. It is the theory of many that the holes which the dredger is making in the ocean nearby cause drifting away of the sand from the beach in the general leveling of the ocean bed. According to this theory, the beach will eventually regain its old sand level, but not for many years. It is probable that if conditions get worse there will be considerable blasting and removing of coral.