

SEA EATING INTO THE SEASIDE GROUNDS

Famous Algarobas Will Go Unless Quick Steps Are Taken to Save Them.

Valuable frontage of the Seaside Hotel is being gouged out by the sea, and drastic measures may have to be taken in the near future to save some of the venerable trees which have made the Seaside one of the popular resorts along Waikiki beach.

The waves less than a year ago began washing out the sand beach fronting the Moana Hotel property and finally ate into the beach so much that the hau trees, set out to form a sea front arbor, had to be removed bodily and set back in the lawn to save them. The beach dwindled away, and the bathing was almost ruined. Several causes were assigned for this wholesale destruction of the famous beach, but whatever they were the beach was being gradually ruined. The Outrigger Club and the Seaside Hotel frontages suffered also.

Finally the Moana Hotel people began to bank up the remaining sand, but the ravages of the waves continued. Then the Seaside Hotel bulkheaded its frontage.

The Moana Hotel people finally decided to set a cement wing wall between its property and that of the Outrigger Club. It was built far out into the water at an angle to the incoming waves, and now does the duty expected of it. The sand is coming back to the Moana Hotel and the beach is beginning to look as it did some time ago. The expense of holding and catching the shifting sands is expensive to the hotel, but being public-spirited, the backers of the hotel have gone ahead with their improvements and the public again has a fine bathing place in front of the Moana.

But over at the Seaside the wooden bulkhead with its sandbag backing has been torn out and the lawn is gradually disappearing. The roots of the great algarobas are exposed and the trees are in danger of toppling unless the lawn and sand are restored. It is likely that a cement retaining wall may have to be built along the entire frontage of the Seaside property to save it.
