

DREDGING CO. GIVEN WAIKIKI CONTRACT

Lyman H. Bigelow, superintendent of public works, today awarded to the Hawaiian Dredging Co. the contract for the dredging of the Waikiki drainage canal. The dredging company was the lowest bidder, the only other bidder having been Capt. J. H. Parker, at one time a resident of Honolulu but now residing in California.

It is not known definitely when work will be started, as there will be a mass of preliminary details to attend to, and it will take some time to get dredging equipment and machinery on the ground. Although the canal, when completed, will be 150 feet wide and flanked by boulevards each 75 feet wide, the first "ditch" will probably be only about 60 feet wide.

The project is probably the largest reclamation job ever undertaken on the island of Oahu, and is designed to rid the Waikiki area of insanitary lowlands, which means that a large portion of the area in the vicinity of Kalakaua avenue, and around Fort De Russy will be filled in. Superintendent Bigelow said today that, in his opinion, all of the lowlands will eventually be brought up to grade.

It is probable that the dredging company, in its search for additional fill material, will dredge the ocean floor in front of the Outrigger Canoe club and the Seaside hotel, which would rid that vicinity of coral which has long been a menace to bathers.

In connection with the specifications for the canal, the department of public works has prepared an elaborate plan of streets and sewers which will be worked out as the dredging project progresses.