

out, they shall refer the matter to the road commissioners of the district, with instructions to diligently inquire as to the public requirements, the probable cost of the work, and to report promptly to them, with such recommendations as may be deemed proper; and the erection of all new bridges, and the construction of all new roads, shall be under the immediate supervision of the road commissioner in whose road district the same shall be done; but before the county commissioners shall accept the same from the contractors or builders thereof, the work shall be thoroughly inspected by said road commissioner, with the county commissioner in charge of the election district, and approved by them; provided, that this shall not apply to small bridges which may be erected by the road commissioners under the order of the county commissioners.

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319. It shall be unlawful for any land owner to drain water from his lands into or upon any public road, and the person so offending shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars; said fine to be paid into the county treasury to the credit of road and bridge account; and if, in the construction and repair of public roads, it be necessary for the proper drainage of said roads to let off the water therefrom upon the adjoining lands, the county commissioners shall award to the owner of said lands reasonable compensation for the privilege, and shall construct drains through such lands so as to prevent the spreading of the water over cultivated fields; but nothing contained in this sub-title of this article shall be so construed as to apply to the natural course of water from the public roads into and upon adjoining lands or from said lands into and upon the roads.

Ibid.

320. It shall be unlawful for any one to obstruct, fill up or otherwise injure the drains made for conducting water from the public roads, or the ditches on the sides of said roads, or to obstruct any road by moving fences out upon the same, or placing other obstructions thereon, or to dig any ditch or drain across any road, without first having procured an order from the county commissioners to do so, and to neglect to keep such ditch or