RESTORATION OF BEACH DREAM BEING REALIZED

The system of groins placed at Waikiki approximately a year ago in an experimental endeavor to reclaim the world famous beach that was gradually becoming non-existent because the sand was being swept out to sea, has been a huge success as far as it has gone, members of the board of harbor commissioners agreed yesterday after a tour of the beach district and a survey of the operations of the groins.

No definite decision was reached by the board members—Chairman Lyman H. Bigelow, James P. Winne, Roy R. Banks and Sherwood M. Lowrey—as to what their recommendation to Governor Judd would be regarding the continuation of the groin system or its possible expansion. The report probably will be drawn at the next harbor board meeting.

"The beach now is where they want the beach—in front of the Royal Hawaiian hotel and the Outrigger Canoe club," declared one commissioner after the survey.

SEA GRADUALLY OUTSMARTED

It was pointed that, whereas in last March the sand on the beach in front of the Royal Hawaiian hotel had virtually disappeared, leaving exposed an old sea-wall some ten feet in front of the present wall along the hotel site, the beach yesterday was at least 30 feet wide at the narrowest point between the wall and the water edge, while it curved gradually to a width of approximately 50 feet in front of the Outrigger club.

This is the best and widest beach that I have ever seen along the Royal Hawaiian shore," Chairman Bigelow declared, pointing out that the groin between the hotel and the Outrigger club is practically buried now under a deep covering of sand, and that this had been the theory of the groins—keeping the sand on the beach—in the experiments that have been successful thus far.

MUST STAND KONA TEST

Bigelow also said that the efficacy of the groins and the permanency of the reclaimed beach would be tested severely in the event that the present Kona weather, or south wind, continues. Kona winds, although coming from the south, tend to take the sand away from the beach and out to sea, he declared, while the trade winds, blowing offshore, tend to build up the beach by depositing sand on the shore.

One element tending to show the building up of the beach yesterday was the fact that the two lowest steps in the series leading from the center of the Royal Hawaiian patio to the beach, were under sand, while formerly the sand scarcely came as far as the bottom of these stairs.