

## FLOOD CONTROL BILL IS DRAWN

### Skagit River Included in Congressional Committee's Report.

Further steps have been taken to ward the control of floods in the Skagit river by Congress, a bill having been reported out from the House committee on Flood Control before the law making body adjourned. The bill carries an appropriation of \$4000. J. W. Collins, secretary of the Mount Vernon Commercial Club, has received a copy of the measure from Congressman Lin H. Hadley. It follows

In the House of Representatives  
February 24, 1923.

Mr. Rodenberg, from the committee on Flood Control, reported the following bill; which was committed to the committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

#### A BILL.

Authorizing preliminary examinations and surveys of sundry streams with a view to the control of their floods.

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause preliminary examinations to be made of the following streams with a view to the control of their floods in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 of "An Act to provide for the control of the floods of the Mississippi and the Sacramento River, California, and for other purposes," approved March 1, 1917:

- Illinois River, Illinois.
- West Fork of White River, Indiana.
- Skagit River, Washington.
- Trinity River, Texas.
- Brazos River, Texas.
- Colorado River, Texas.
- Pond River, Kentucky.
- Wabash River, Indiana and Illinois.
- Colorado River in Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming.

The sum of \$4000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby authorized to be expended out of any funds heretofore appropriated for examinations, surveys and contingencies on rivers and harbors to carry out the provisions of this section."

## WOULD ESTABLISH DIKING DISTRICT

### Commissioners Grant Order and Election Will Be Held on April 4.

The board of county commissioners yesterday granted an order to establish a diking district to be known as No. 22. An election will be held Saturday, April 14, at which time two questions will be voted upon, the first, whether or not the property owners in the section to be benefitted wish the establishment of such a district, and second, to vote upon three commissioners, providing the district is formed.

The proposed district will take in approximately 8,970 acres of land and it is estimated that the improvement project will cost a million dollars. The project is being promoted by the Swinomish Reclamation company, of which R. L. Henning is president, and H. M. Frost, secretary, with offices in Seattle.

The petition for the establishment of the district states the boundaries will be Padilla Bay from Samish Point to Hat Island and from Hat Island to a point on the mainland near the mouth of Indian slough. The petition also states "it is proposed to construct 42,000 lineal feet of main enclosing dike of 20 feet average height with top beam 20 feet wide and with side slopes of 5 feet horizontal to 1 foot vertical."