DAMAGE CLAIMS
TOTAL $98,825

Farmers and Dike Districts
File Claims Vs. Seattle
For Flood Damages

Claims of Skagit farmers and
diking districts against the city
of Seattle for flood damages al-
leged to have been caused by let-
ting water from flood gates in
Diablo dam at a crucial time dur-
ing the recent high water, there-
by causing the dikes to break,
have mounted to $78,825 during
the week.

The filing of these claims is
merely a preliminary action. It
does not constitute a suit, but
protects the rights of those claim-
ing damages to sue at a future
date. According to law, it is nec-
essary to file claims of damages
within thirty days of the time
when the damage is done in or-
der to bring suit against a munic-
ipality.

The additional claims were
filed this week by A. E. Gerrits,
for $2,300; Mrs. Martha Eilen,
$1,700; Mrs. Hilda Hallman, $2,-
040; R. E. Sullivan, $20,000. These
four owning property in the
neighborhood of the Iverson
break, are claiming damages be-
cause of losses due to destruc-
tion of fences and crops and de-
posits of sand and debris.

Two other claims were filed by
Mary Peterson and K. J. H. Aspl-
lund, both residents of the Nook-
achamps country. Mrs. Peterson,
whose 90-acre farm badly cover-
ed with sand, is asking $12,000.
Mr. Asplund, whose barn and
house were both undermined by
flood waters, asks $3,500.

Diking district No. 2 filed
claims for $18,450; district No.
18, $6,850; district No. 12, $10,-
900; and district No. 13, $4,000.
The other three claims were filed
by Phil Iverson, for $2,350; John
Leander, $7,610; and Iver Iver-
son, $7,650.