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## SEATTLE OFFICIALS INSPECT WORK AT SKAGIT POWER SITE

### TRIP TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT WORK SHALL BE CONTINUED OR PROJECT DROPPED FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

A party of Seattle city officials passed through this city Tuesday on their way to the site of the city of Seattle's power project on the upper Skagit River. Included in the party were every member of the city council and all members of the board of public works, City Engineer Dimock, Chief Engineer Uhden and a number of minor officials and technical experts. They expected to spend the greater part of the week in going over the work already done and studying the plans of the engineers for work to be undertaken during the next few month, unless all work is stopped. The trip was made for the purpose of acquainting every official connected with the construction of the plant with every detail of the project, and after gathering all information possible the council and board of public works will decide whether or not the work is to be continued at this time.

The Seattle power project has been under fire in that city for several weeks, claims being made that all plans so far are indefinite and that the plant will cost more than it will be worth to the city. An organized effort is being made to get the council to drop the project entirely, or at least suspend operations until conditions are more favorable for construction work. There also appears to be a wide difference of opinion as to the character of dam to be built, and in regard to the size of the first unit. The city has already spent approximately \$5,000,000 in building a

railroad from Rockport to the site of the project at this stage would result in the total loss of practically all the money already spent, it is not likely that work will be discontinued. The people of the upper valley are hoping that the project will be completed, as the work done by the city has been a big factor in building up the up-river communities, and a continuation of the work will result in many permanent improvements in those localities.