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SEATTLE MAYOR IS PLEASED BY VISIT TO SKAGIT PROJECT

IS IMPRESSED BY SIZE OF PROJECT—MUCH WORK NOW UNDER WAY—WILL SHIP LUMBER TO SEATTLE

On his return from a four-day tour of inspection of the various phases of the construction of the Seattle power plant on the upper Skagit, Mayor Caldwell of Seattle gave out an interview regarding how he found conditions at the power site. The mayor expressed himself as greatly impressed with the magnitude of the Skagit project and the wonderful possibilities for greater development, particularly mentioning the splendid sites for power dams at Diablo Canyon and Ruby Creek, where natural conditions apparently make it possible to construct great dams on foundations of solid rock in narrow gorges.

He stated that one of the questions under consideration by the engineers has to do with the type of dam to be constructed at Gorge Creek. It has been found possible to construct a low diversion dam at Gorge Creek and a high impounding dam a half mile farther down the stream. The diversion dam would be less expensive, but the impounding dam would develop greater power. So far the only actual construction work has been done at Gorge Creek, where a sawmill has been erected and material is being assembled for the erection of the plant. Test borings are also being made at the Diablo and Ruby sites.

The saw mill at Gorge Creek is cutting large quantities of lumber for use in constructing bunk houses, power house and forms. The city pays the government two dollars a thousand feet for the timber, and by economical operation of the mill the finished

lumber costs the city much less than the market price. Supt. Ross of the Seattle light department is making arrangements to ship lumber and poles from the Skagit site to Seattle for use by the city light plant, the cost of the lumber delivered in Seattle being approximately \$23 per thousand.