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MEN ARE ARRIVING TO START RAISING BAKER RIVER DAM

MANY FOREMEN ARE HERE TO LOOK AFTER DETAILS OF PRELIMINARY WORK-THE ACTUAL WORK TO START SOON

It now appears that the job of raising the Baker river dam an additional thirty feet will be started some months sooner than expected. It had been generally believed that this work would not be started until late in the spring, but indications of the past week are that construction work will be under way next month. While the work will be rushed as rapidly as possible, it is understood that it will require five or six months to finish all the work contemplated at this time.

The first indication that work was to start soon appeared last week when a number of the Stone & Webster foremen, who were engaged in the construction work on the dam, returned to the city from various parts of the state. Among these were S. Sullivan, a general foreman who is slated to be superintendent on the present job; V. P. Rankin, who had charge of the cookhouse and commissary department, and who will again be in charge of that work; William Savage, foreman of the carpenters; Mr. Beers, timekeeper; William Perry, foreman of the high rigging crews, and a number of skilled employees in the various departments.

There are now about fifty men on the job, and it is understood that the crews will be increased as the work progresses to a maximum of about 300 men. The work now under way is of a preliminary nature to get everything in shape for starting operations. Reports are that this work will take from a

month to six weeks, and then the actual work of adding thirty feet more to the top of the dam will be started. It is generally believed that other work will be taken up while the men are here, but the extent of the extra work is not known. However, there will be enough to keep a large crew of men here for the most of the year, and while the town will not be as busy as when the main construction was under way, there will be enough to keep business conditions out considerably this year. As the other industries are looking forward to a prosperous season, Concrete should enjoy a busy and prosperous year during 1927.