Loggers Sue City Light

Four Skagit county logging companies this week filed damage suits against the City of Seattle, charging faulty operation of Ross and Diablo dams during the high water of October 24 and 25, which resulted in the loss of logs boomed on the lower Skagit near Day and Gilligan creeks.

The companies assert that the City of Seattle’s power projects failed to hold back and regulate correctly the rapid rise in the Skagit River above the dams and that the resulting high water in the lower Skagit was thereby unnecessary. They ask $36,900 in payment for logs taken down the river when high water tore out their boom sticks.

Claims were filed by the Coos Bay Pulp company of Anacortes $15,000; Puget Sound Pulp and Timber Co. of Bellingham, $10,000; C. B. Lumber and Shingle Co. of Everett, $8,538; and John S. Pankratz, Seattle, $3,092.