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FLOOD DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT OVER \$300,000

GROUP FORMED TO SEEK AID FROM GOVERNMENT TO REBUILD DIKES DAMAGED

Figures on flood damage from the Skagit River's recent rampage were released yesterday by the soil conservation department, which estimated the total cost at \$306,965.00, excluding crop losses.

Their survey showed that seventy farm buildings were washed out or badly damaged; 2,700 feet of dikes went out; five bridges were lost and three and one-half miles of road was destroyed. A total of 14,765 acres were inundated.

The Skagit River reached its highest peak since 1921 with a flow of 132,000 cubic feet per second.

Ask Federal Aid

As a result of the flood a "Skagit River Control Ass'n" has been formed in the lower valley to seek flood control project. A request for \$72,000 federal money has been sent to Washington, D. C. Of this \$60,000 is wanted for emergency work at Milltown and another \$12,000 for work in the Dodge valley area.

Also planned is a \$40,000 project in the Samish river area with state and dike district funds.