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Skagit Flood Control Work Is Inspected

State and U.S. Engineers
Look Over 22,400 ft.
Of Revetments

In reply to a petition filed with the state conservation department some time ago, requesting a flood control district for this part of the Skagit river, state and federal engineers spent two days the first of the week, carefully inspecting the 4.2 miles of revetment work which has been finished.

Lars Langlee, engineer with the state conservation department, and C. B. Corey, of the U. S. army engineers office in Seattle, accompanied Iner Nelson, superintendent of the Skagit river project and looked at every foot of work which has been built on the river projects.

After the inspection, they stated that the revetment had done all that was expected of it, and that before any more revetment work was done that it would be necessary to provide for maintenance and to prevent log tows from causing the great damage to the brush mats and cables.

A group of farmers, representing signers to a petition opposing the formation of a flood control district, recently conferred with Langlee at Olympia. The county commissioners state they will start work on the new \$420,000 flood relief project, as soon as a maintenance district is formed. Plans for a conference between the committee opposed to such a district, headed by H. Burmaster, and the farmers who petitioned for the district, headed by Frank Goodyear, with the county commissioners, is being arranged for the near future.

Langlee did not commit himself while here, but will make a report on the work and the boundaries of the proposed district. During the past few weeks a lot of wild statements have been made concerning the revetment work and some photographs purporting to show huge damage to the revetments are on exhibit in the old Penney store windows.

The apparent willingness of the more level-headed farmers to discuss the matter, indicates that it may be brought to a head in the near future. If more WPA projects are dropped, the probability that the \$420,000 available for additional river work will be a lifesaver for this party of the county, from a relief standpoint alone, if the opposing group does not delay action long enough to cause this appropriation to revert to the government for use in some other state.