

DAMAGE CLAIMS TOTAL \$98,825

Farmers and Dike Districts File Claims Vs. Seattle For Flood Damages

Claims of Skagit farmers and diking districts against the city of Seattle for flood damages alleged to have been caused by letting water from flood gates in Diablo dam at a crucial time during the recent high water, thereby causing the dikes to break, have mounted to \$78,825 during the week.

The filing of these claims is merely a preliminary action. It does not constitute a suit, but protects the rights of those claiming damages to sue at a future date. According to law, it is necessary to file claims of damages within thirty days of the time when the damage is done in order to bring suit against a municipality.

The additional claims were filed this week by A. E. Gerrits for \$2,300; Mrs. Martha Teien, \$1,700; Mrs. Hilda Hallman, \$2,040; P. E. Sullivan, \$20,000. These four owning property in the neighborhood of the Iverson break, are claiming damages because of losses due to destruction of fences and crops and deposits of sand and debris.

Two other claims were filed by Mary Peterson and K. J. H. Asplund, both residents of the Nookachamps country. Mrs. Peterson, whose 90-acre farm badly covered with sand, is asking \$12,000. Mr. Asplund, whose barn and house were both undermined by flood waters, asks \$3,500.

Diking district No. 2 filed claims for \$18,450; district No. 18, \$6,350; district No. 12, \$10,900; and district No. 13, \$4,000. The other three claims were filed by Phil Iverson, for \$2,925; John Leander, \$7,010; and Iver Iverson, \$7,650.

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