

RIVER, SLOUGH PROJECTS AWAIT FEDERAL ACTION

\$100,000 Earmarked For
Swinomish Channel Pro-
tection Dike

REPORT RIVER FINDINGS

Keystone Harbor Project Also
Listed Among Six In
Congressional District

Earmarking of \$100,000 for the construction of a dike to protect the recently constructed Swinomish slough channel against the Skagit river silt, insuring an early start on this work, was announced in Washington, D. C., this morning by Congressman Mon C. Wallgren, following yesterday's conclusion of the special session of congress.

A second project dealing with the completion of a survey of the Skagit river and a report of findings to the board of engineers for rivers and harbors before its January meeting, is also well under way, Wallgren announces.

The two Skagit projects are part of six in this congressional district that are now in various stages of development before the war department. Aside from the two Skagit projects are the Keystone harbor proposal on Whidby Island; the Nooksack river in Whatcom county; the Everett dock in Snohomish county; and Neah bay on the peninsula.

The Keystone project is another that is of vital interest to Skagit county. At present ferry traffic between this section and the Olympic peninsula is suspended during the winter months because of lack of facilities at Keystone. The improvement of the harbor there would mean the extension of Coast route U. S. 101 across Whidby island to Skagit to join with U. S. 99 north of Mount Vernon.