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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DIABLO DAM IS GOING AHEAD FAST

FOUNDATIONS OF DAM ARE NOW FINISHED TO LEVEL OF RIVER BED - HOPE TO COMPLETE WORK THIS YEAR

Reports from the city of Seattle power project on the upper Skagit \$3,000,000 dam at Diablo canyon progressing more rapidly than was expected. The light snowfall this winter and the generally good weather has been in favor of the contractors, Winston Bros., who have rushed the work in every way possible to get the dam to a point where no great damage could be done by high water.

During the past week the foundations of the dam were finished to the level of the bed of the river, so that the only damage that could be done now by a sudden rise in the river would be the work of removing the machinery and equipment above high water, and the delay necessary until the water recedes. Up to the time the foundation was completed there was danger of losing machinery in a sudden rise, and also the loss caused by having to excavate the sand and rock from the site.

The work of building the dam proper is now under way and is going ahead as rapidly as weather conditions permit. So far there have been very few days when the contractors were unable to pour cement. It is expected that the work will be completed during 1929, unless something out of the ordinary construction hazards happens to retard the work.

There are several hundred men employed at Winston's camp now, including quite a number from this city and vicinity and

many more from the upper valley. It is expected that when the dam is completed, other work on the huge Seattle project will be started, making it certain that there will be work for many men in that vicinity for some years to come. According to reports from Seattle, it is likely that construction work on another power plant will be started this year, and it is expected that the Ruby creek project will be developed within a few years.