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FLOOD CONTROL ON RIVER AND DREDGE PROJECTS APPROVED

ENGINEERS REPORT FAVORABLY ON COUNTY PROJECTS - COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$3,000,000 - DOESN'T MEAN START OF WORK

According to word received from Washington, D. C., last week, two Skagit county projects have received favorable mention in a report filed by the United States board of army engineers. The engineers have made an extensive survey of this state and all projects of value as relief projects or projects involving navigation, water conservation or power have been studied.

None of the projects in the state are actually recommended for immediate completion, but all were either given the approval of the engineers or listed as "feasible" or the objections stalled.

Flood Control Justified

In their report on flood control on the Skagit River by raising dikes and protecting the banks of the river by various methods, the engineers stated that the project was justified to "receive unemployment." The cost was estimated at \$2,800,000,

The County Chamber of Commerce has had a committee working on this project for some time and the report will aid greatly in securing money to start the work.

The other project approved was a \$207,000 project which consists of dredging a 12-foot channel from deep water in Saratoga passage to Padilla bay. This was classified as "meritorious" by the engineers.

In their report on the Coulee dam they

stated that the project was not justified at present either as a power or irrigation project.

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