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STONE & WEBSTER STILL ON PRELIMINARY WORK

The big construction job on the new Baker Dam by Stone & Webster, is still in the stages of preparation of facilities to handle the men and equipment that will be required. The local engineer's building is now completed in the Puget Sound yard in East Concrete and a skeleton office crew is now busy there.

The new building will house an office for Superintendent N. D. McKenney; one for Mr. Ryan and a large room for the assistant enginners.

Equipment is now coming in daily to the warehouse, where three office girls are now employed to handle timekeeping and material purchasing orders and requisitions.

Mr. McKenney stated that there are now eighty men working on the dam site. Of these six are carpenters and the rest are clearing land, doing road location, and clearing and burning of right of way. The men are using a logging road north of Koma Kulshan guard station for the present to reach the site, which is about 1¹/₂ miles from the Baker Lake road.

A new road is being built that will follow Sulphur Creek on the South side after one bridge crossing. This bridge and road will be built to government specifications. The job should take ten to twelve weeks.

Employment will be stepped up as the work develops into full construction of roads, camp buildings and the dam itself. Peak employment is expected to reach 1,500.