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Plan New Jetty For Ross Slough To Stop Flooding

One of the greatest menaces to farm land in the upper river valley, the washing away of land by Ross slough, in the Utopia district, may be eliminated if the present plans of the county commissioners are carried out. After a survey by County Engineer Knapp, the county board this week, voted an emergency appropriation of at least \$5,000 to be expended at once in the construction of a jetty across the head of Ross slough.

The county engineer and commissioners recently took the matter up with the war department, offering another plan, but had it refused and must now submit the new plan before going ahead. They expect this one to be approved and that they can start work soon.

The resolution passed Oct. 8, by the commissioners states, "that

great damage has been done to farms and public highways along the slough, by reason of large volumes of water being diverted from the main channel of the Skagit river, through Ross's slough, and it appears to the board of county commissioners, upon the testimony of residents near the said slough, that the driving of a jetty across the head of Ross's slough would divert all waters from the slough to the main channel of the Skagit river, and eliminate further damage to farms and public highways, and that the jetty should be driven before the fall freshets make it impossible to work on the slough."

The board voted to take the money for this work, from the river improvement fund of some \$9,000 which has been idle in the bank for several years since its appropriation.