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ALL WORK STOPPED ON POWER PROJECT UNTIL BOARD MEETS

**MEN ARE LAID OFF UNTIL AFTER THE DIRECTORS TAKE FINAL ACTION ON DAM AT A MEETING TO BE HELD
MAR. 15**

All the men employed on construction of camp buildings and other preliminary work on the Baker river dam project for the Stone & Webster Co., except a small engineering crew, were laid off yesterday until after the meeting of the board of directors of the corporation, which will be held in Boston about March 15. No reason has been given out here for the orders to stop work, as it was generally understood that the preliminary work under way would be completed regardless of the action taken by the directors on the actual construction of the dam and power plant this year.

The men who have been employed on this work were notified that work would likely be resumed after March 15, and that all who desired would be given employment when work started again, and most of the non-resident employees of the company are planning to remain here until after the board meeting. The building of the camp had been going ahead rapidly and several buildings had been completed and many more were under construction. The large cook house and dining room is almost completed and it is reported that a few carpenters will be retained on the pay roll to complete this building.

The suspension of work at this time is not being taken as an indication that the company will not go ahead with the dam this year, although there is a possibility that the board will decide to postpone building for a

year or so. The men in charge of the work here are all of the opinion that the dam will be built at once, and that actual construction work will be under way in about 30 days.

W. D. Shannon, general superintendent of construction for the company, who has had personal supervision of the work here, is now on his way to Boston to present his data on the project to the directors at their meeting this month. The people of Concrete are anxiously awaiting word of the action taken at the Boston session, and if the report is favorable, Concrete will be a lively town for the next few years.