

## BEGIN A SURVEY OF SKAGIT RIVER

**Data on Flood Conditions Will  
Be Gathered—Report To  
Commissioners.**

Steps are being taken by the Skagit River Committee toward getting a survey made of flood conditions. Yesterday the committee met with the board of county commissioners offering a report and suggesting ways and means of securing a survey.

About two weeks ago the committee went to Tacoma to inspect the improvement work on the Puyallup river. While there they conferred with Mr. Parker, head of the United States Geological Survey for this district. He emphasized the necessity of securing data as to the volume of water coming down the Skagit especially during the flood period.

He also stated that he had a man in his office who is an expert on this kind of work and he offered this man's services to the county. He also could secure the data required, especially the volume of flood water, during last December. Many flood marks have been obliterated but this material should be gathered as soon as possible.

The committee recommended that the commissioners get this man so that he could be put to work at once. The commissioners expressed a belief that this would be a good move and will endeavor to get him to come to Skagit county. The data on the Skagit river which in past years has been collected by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads, the War Department and Geological Survey will be assembled as the first step in making a survey of the river. H. L. Willis is chairman of the committee.