

LEARN MORE OF RIVER CONTROL

Skagit County Delegation Visits Puyallup River Project at Tacoma.

In order to get a better idea of river control a party of twenty-three Skagit men drove to Tacoma Saturday and inspected the work being done on the Puyallup river there. Arriving at Tacoma at 4 o'clock the men were shown figures and cost of river control by W. J. Roberts, engineer in charge of this project.

On Saturday the party viewed the actual work on the Puyallup river under the direction of Mr. Roberts and Mr. Phillips, the engineers. It was shown that the costs of this project has already reached a million dollars.

The men who made the trip included Richard Thompson, J. O. Rudene, Swan Swanson, Charles Elde, Charles Nelson, John Nelson, H. L. Willis, Alfred Polson, J. B. Hayton, William Downey, Fred Ornes, John Kamb, W. H. Franklin, J. A. Bue, W. E. Moss, W. R. Fowler of Mount Vernon, I. N. Gallagher, W. J. Knutzen, W. W. Swank, John Baldorf, George Knutzen, of Burlington, Eric Anderson of LaConner and Nels Anderson of Alen.

At the regular meeting of the Commercial club Wednesday night W. E. Moss gave a report of the trip. It was stated that the party met with R. J. Davis, a member of the appropriations committee of the state legislature who told the men that if Skagit county would adopt a definite river control program and then try to secure passage of a bill in the legislature for state aid, every effort would be made to secure it. An effort also could be made, he said, to have the legislature memorialize Congress for federal assistance.

Litigation Over Drainage Ends

The litigation over the formation of Drainage district No. 19 which has extended over a period of six years has been ended. Some weeks ago the supreme court ruled that the district was feasible and gave the right to establish such a district. Several ranchers who would be included in the project, however, made their protests at a hearing last week in the superior court here.

The hearing was held before Judge Bell of Everett and was brought to a close Saturday after the jury had upheld the district's assessment in two instances, that of Linus Abbott and that of Richard H. Ball. The remainder of the contestants permitted a settlement out of court and some others withdrew their objections.

District No. 19 takes in more than 6500 acres.

A similar case was heard in the superior court Monday and Tuesday when several ranchers in District No. 21 asked a hearing on their assessment made by the drainage commissioners. The jury upheld the commissioners. This district takes in about 600 acres near Clear Lake.