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Seattle Chamber To Help Get Skagit River Relief

The Seattle Chamber of Commerce, answering appeals from C. E. Bingham of this city, and Sibert Eaton, local farmer, is making an effort to get federal aid in the fight against the Skagit river. C. C. Finn, prominent Seattle business man, was in the city this week, investigating conditions on the Skagit river near here, on behalf of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce river and harbor committee, and will make an effort to obtain a federal survey of the river.

The local Chamber of Commerce tried some months ago to get action but failed to accomplish much. Then Mr. Eaton, whose farm is in danger from the river, wrote Asahel Curtis, head of the state development committee of the Seattle chamber, and his appeal was supplemented by C. E. Bingham, and the result was Mr. Finn's visit.

Finn said yesterday that there

was a federal appropriation of some \$100,000 available for survey of five streams in western Washington, including the Skagit river and that he believed at least \$20,000 could be spent this spring on a survey. The Seattle Chamber will take up the matter at once.

He was much impressed with the fact that hundreds of acres of fine farmland are being washed down the river, and that the banks need protecting and the channel needs straightening. The recent high water did much damage. The big barn built by Henry Cooper at Lyman many years ago, was washed into the river yesterday. The barn stood originally on a farm of forty-five acres and only three acres are left now. County roads are being undermined by the river, and the channel near Burns' bar, east of this city, is threatening hundreds of acres, and if permitted to continue, may finally threaten the city of Sedro-Woolley.