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River Survey Shows Losses

The survey of the Skagit river flood damages, which has been carried on during the past few weeks under W. E. R. A. funds, has found an estimated loss of more than two million dollars. This amount was given by farmers and others as actually lost to them over a period of years and is some half a million dollars more than the figures turned in to the federal government some months ago, before the survey was made, as the Skagit flood loss.

C. F. Shrauger of Mount Vernon, county Democratic chairman, has notified officials at Washington, D. C. of this finding and has urged immediate action. He has just received letters from U. S. Senator Lewis Schwellenbach and Congressman Mon Wallgren, promising their support for flood relief funds. Senator Schwellenbach believes the federal public works program will include flood control measures, and he will try to get appropriations for the Skagit.

While figures given to the men making the river survey have not been given out in detail, many thousands of acres of fine Skagit farm land are reported washed down the river, with many more threatened.

Shrauger has just returned from Olympia, where he found that Mrs. Wanamaker, representative from Island county, is introducing a bill to extend the Cascade Pass highway across the Deception pass bridge and along Whidby island. Representatives Martin and Hurley of Skagit county last week introduced a bill making the Cascade pass road a state highway to extend from Anacortes to Marblemount and across the pass to join the Methow valley highway, and also to extend into Mount Vernon. Shrauger believes the location will be settled before action is taken on any Cascade highway bill.