

## COMMITTEE HAS SKAGIT RIVER FLOOD DATA

Following is a letter received by J. W. Collins, secretary of the Mount Vernon Commercial Club in reply to the Skagit flood data sent to Congressman Lindley H. Hadley recently:

I have received your letter of the 17th instant enclosing separate communication furnishing requested data in the matter of the Skagit River flood control.

In reply, I will state that following my letter of the 13th instant to your organization I appeared personally before the Flood Control Committee on December 14th in support of my bill, H. R. 12609. I made a brief preliminary statement based on your telegram of the 9th instant and my general knowledge of the situation, and also secured permission from the committee to incorporate in the hearing the data which I anticipated receiving, as suggested in your telegram of the 9th. I was getting a little anxious about the matter for fear the record of the hearings would be printed before the arrival of your letter; however I took the data which you enclosed to the office of the Flood Control Committee this morning and presented it to the chairman of the committee. I understood him to say that the record has not yet been printed and I left the matter with him to be incorporated in the printed proceedings for the use of the committee. When I appeared before the committee, one member of long experience in congress suggested that I get in touch with General Taylor of the War Department on the question of the probable cost of the survey, as sought by the bill, so that if the committee should consult him, as he stated it would probably do on this point, he would be in position to be of assistance to the committee regarding it. I accordingly had an interview with General Taylor the same day in which he stated that he had some data on the subject and would be glad to look into it and advise the committee so far as he could when called upon.

I note your reference to the necessary delay in forwarding the information, and I fully appreciate the difficulty in collecting the miscellaneous material covering so long a period which confronted those in charge of this work. I sincerely hope that the committee may give favorable consideration to the bill and favorably report it. Signed, Lin H. Hadley.