

FLOOD MENACE IS TOLD HERE

Flood control of the Skagit river was urged this afternoon at a meeting which was held in the Commercial club rooms, this city. Col. W. J. Barden, Seattle, government representative, and his aides were in attendance at the meeting and heard the reports of the local committees in which the need for flood control was stressed.

The meeting got under way shortly after one o'clock with a representative number in attendance from this city and other parts of the county. While all did not have the opportunity to address the meeting, all voiced their opinions in little groups before the meeting. They emphatically declared that steps should be taken for controlling the Skagit river, before another disastrous flood hits this community.

Data gathered by the committee for the last three years was submitted to Col. Barden and his aides, which they took under advisement. A long report, prepared by H. L. Willis, chairman of the river committee, was submitted. The full report will be found on page three of today's issue of the Daily Herald.

In his report, Mr. Willis went as far back as 1894 when the damage caused by a flood here amounted to \$1,500,000. A review of the floods since that time was made in the report, details of which are presented on page three, this issue. The report showed that floods here have cost the citizens thousands upon thousands of dollars.

County Engineer Robert E. L. Knapp submitted a report on the frequency of floods, the duration and height. An oral report was given by William McKinstry, who suggested means of curbing the disastrous floods.