

MUCH DAMAGE IS REPORTED

SEDRO-WOOLLEY, Dec. 2.— (Special) — Thousands of dollars worth of land in the Sedro-Woolley district is threatened anew by the Skagit river because of damage done to the revetment work, it is claimed here. Nearly one quarter of a million dollars have been spent in protecting the river banks, and a new project calling for the expenditure of more than \$400,000, to start this month, has been authorized by the WPA.

All of this work and all of this money will apparently be to no avail unless damage done to the revetments by log tows is not repaired, it is said. The log rafts swing against the river banks on the sharp curves, break the wire cables holding the brush mats, and allow the river to wash away the land. Much of the revetment work near Utopia has been washed away and already the river has eaten under the brush mats and into the farmland.

Log-towers claim they cannot help causing the damage unless booms are placed to protect the worst places at the sharpest curves. Some of the farmers have complained to the county commissioners about the matter, but the board of commissioners claims it has no funds to repair the damage. On the other hand, WPA authorities state that once the work is done it is up to the county to maintain the revetments.

Oscar Buchanan, Mrs. Byce, William Strom, Jonas Olson, S. P. Lane and William Reese are a few of the farmers whose property is threatened if the revetments are not retained, it was announced.