

PAULHAMUS APPEARS BEFORE TWO BOARDS

**Recommends That Inter-County Im-
provement Work Be Made
Permanent.**

W. H. Paulhamus of Puyallup, who recently accompanied the Pierce and King county commissioners on an inspection tour of the inter-county river improvement, appeared at the joint meeting of the boards in Seattle yesterday and backed up the plan of Commissioner Williams for making the embankment improvements from the Auburn dam to Tacoma harbor permanent by the use of concrete. A lengthy meeting to determine how this year's appropriation should be spent was held.

Chief Engineer Roberts report showed that of the \$250,000 appropriated for last year's work the amount spent was \$228,560.52, and both Commissioner Williams and Mr. Paulhamus urged that the remainder should be used for permanent bank improvements and when it became necessary, to appropriate a further sum to complete the work. Concrete linings on the banks to prevent erosion were suggested as the only proper remedy. It was asserted the gravel banks planned would need continual repairs and the concrete would be the cheapest in the long run. It was estimated that from \$1,500,000 to \$4,000,000 would be required for the concrete banks, of which King county is asked to bear 60 per cent of the cost.

No definite action was taken and the commissioners decided to let the question rest until Engineer Roberts confers with engineers of the railroads operating to Puget Sound as to their views. The board ordered construction of a wing dam 400 feet long on the south bank of the Stuck river north of the King county line, and for the rip-rap of 250 feet at the county line. Total cost of \$3,787.50.

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