

except in accordance with the act, and they would have been obliged to have filed plans, to have held a court of revision, etc.; etc., with the result that the opportunity would have passed before help could have been obtained in a void in the freshet. The government, however, was able through the exercise of other powers, to act, and the people have obtained the benefit of this assistance. The case of Matsqui is also similar. Under the rules laid down for the commissioners, work could not have been proceeded with until after the court of revision, with the result that the land would have been flooded. The government, however, was able by the exercise of powers outside of the act to help in an emergency, and the district

has been benefited by it. Altogether the change from a system of divided responsibility and of incomplete supervision, to one of systematic control and a minimum of expenditure has been a most beneficial one and will react over and over again to the advantage of the district affected.

#### ESTIMATED COST.

The estimated cost of Maple Ridge, Coquitlam, Pitt Meadows and Matsqui has already been given. The other sections are as follows:

Chilliwack . . . . .	\$131,000
Agassiz . . . . .	10,000
Hatzic . . . . .	50,000
Currey . . . . .	27,000
Sumas . . . . .	19,729