

(c) The problem of flood control in the Kootenay

The Legislature of British Columbia, by resolution, has asked the Canadian Government to take such steps as may be necessary and appropriate, with a view to providing for further flood control at the Kootenay.

This project would involve an investigation by the Commission, with a view to the possible recommendation of additional outlet excavation. It would also potentially involve a recommendation for outlet excavation, which might mean a commitment to a very large expenditure of money.

The whole question is receiving a very exhaustive, preliminary study from existing engineering data. The purpose of this study is to make it possible to give a clear-cut indication as to the engineering costs of the investigation under consideration, and also of the probable ultimate cost of outlet excavation, in the event that the Commission made a recommendation to that effect. It is only with an approximate idea of the financial obligation ultimately involved, that the Government could be in a position to decide whether it would promote a reference at the instance of the British Columbia Government.

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