PROMISE $35,000
FOR THE SKAGIT

Government Would Ask Waivers
For Any Possible
Damages.

"When the farmers residing south
of Mount Vernon all sign a waiver of
damages, stating that they will not
hold the United States government li-
able nor responsible for damages
which might arise from high water or
other unexpected causes, the govern-
ment officials will agree to the expend-
diture of $35,000 available for river
improvement," was the statement of
Colonel Schultz, United States district
engineer for the Pacific Coast, who
was here on an inspection trip with
assistant engineer H. J. E. Baker ear-
ly this week.

The snagboat, Swinomish, was used
for this special inspection tour which
included the Great Northern bridge,
North Fork dam and Skagit River bar.

The hope was expressed by the par-
ty that the matter of river improve-
ment might be settled at once as it
has been prolonged over a considera-
ble period of time and is attracting much
attention now particularly in view of
the river and harbors appropriation
bill introduced by Congressman Lin H.
Hadley."