SKAGIT RIVER
SURVEY OKEHED
AT WASHINGTON

Engineers Approve Plan;
Dredging Action on Results
Of Survey; Local Boosters
Are Pleased

Plans for a complete survey of
the north and south forks of the
Skagit river from the bay to
Mount Vernon received the offi-
cial approval of U. S. Army en-
gineers in Washington, D. C., it
was announced by Postmaster C.
F. Shrauger after his receipt of
the information by telegram from
the national capital.

"This means that we are one
step nearer in our campaign to
have the lower Skagit dredged
for the benefit of flood control,
drainage and navigation," Shrau-
ger told a press representative.

News Well Received
The news of the war depart-
ment's action was happily received
by scores of citizens throughout
the lower valley who for the past
few months have been conver-
tating their efforts on obtaining flood
control legislation at Washing-
ton.

Only a few weeks ago the Skagit
Flood Control organization, made
up of lower valley farmers, busi-
siness and professional men, sent
Postmaster Shrauger to Wash-
ington, D. C., in effort to precipitate
action.

Misinterpret Letter
A letter from U. S. Senator Ho-
mer T. Bone, sent to the Skagit
County Pomonia Grange and pub-
lished exclusively by the Argus,
which stated that the war depart-
ment felt that Senator Bone's sen-
ate bill authorizing a survey of the
Skagit duplicated a section of the
Flood Control Act of June 22, 1936,
and therefore was not necessary,
was misconstrued by many to
mean that the war department had
recommended killing the Skagit
survey issue. Bone, then joined
with Congressman Wallgren in
effort to have the survey made.

Contradictory information which
called for the opening of sloughs
and delta outlets, and the other for
the purchase of a government-
owned dredge for the Skagit and
other Puget Sound streams exclu-
sively, complicated matters in
Washington, it was revealed.

Congressman Wallgren has filed
a bill calling for the dredging of
the north and south forks of the
Skagit. The future of the bill de-
pends on the findings of the U. S.
enGINEERS in their survey, it has
been pointed out.