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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 1794

LOCALITY:

Rosario Strait,

Queens, San Juan and Vendovi Islands.

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Descriptive Report.

Topographical Sheet No. 5, Rosario Strait and Adjacent Waters, W.S.

This sheet embraces, Vincorvi, Jack and Danish islands, and a portion of Guemes Island, W.S.

All of Vincorvi and Jack islands, and the E.E. part of Guemes, and the N.W. part of Danish Islands, are of rocky formation, with bold rocky shoreline, and generally without beaches.

Rock is metamorphic, of the hornblende series, probably hyperite. Generally it is hard and easily broken, without regular cleavage.

The balance of Guemes and Danish Islands, are mostly good soil, and adorned with a dense growth of forest, chiefly of fir, with a very thick growth of Underbrush.

All of the cleared land, within the limits of the sheet, is represented on the sheet as grass land.

A town site, named Atlanta, has been laid out on the narrow portion of Danish Island; it is three or four years old, and has three or four families. It was designed to make this the local city for the large number of settlers on the Danish Marshes.
inaccessible as the tide flats prevent steamers from landing further east, except at high tide; but the town of Edwin, on the Edwin Slough, has effectively killed the prospects of Atlanta.

There are no living streams of fresh water on either Fanny's or Jack islands. Those on Guemes Island are represented, at Mr. Whalley's and Mr. Ediu's places. The last cannot be called a stream, all find outlet through sluice boxes.

The rains at Mr. Ediu's, continues through to Ship Harbor, and that at Mr. Whalley's extends across to Bellingham Channel. There is fairly good water from near Williams around to Atlanta, but from the balance of Fanny's Island the flats at low tide extend for a long distance.

Water is boisterous around Jack and Vendovi Islands. On the NE. part of Vendovi Island, just east of Signal Vendovi, is a snug little harbor, where moderate sized vessels can anchor and swing perfectly sheltered from all ordinary winds.

There is an extensive tide flat off the height of Guemes Island, widest at Mr. Whalley's place. Off the bluff points between Messrs Whalley's and Ediu's places.
Are a large number of detached granite boulders. Evidently set free from the bluff during the ages. Most of the settlements are recent, and they are beginning to open up farms. Grain, hay, and roots are the principal crops.

All communication is by water, -- and there is but little demand for roads.

No one lives on Inudovi or back of.

The few fences are of rail.

The notice that descriptive reports and sketches would hereafter be required, was received after this sheet was completed. And consequently no sketches were made. One of the sketches accompanying that No. 8, shows Samish it. and several represent Inudovi.

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