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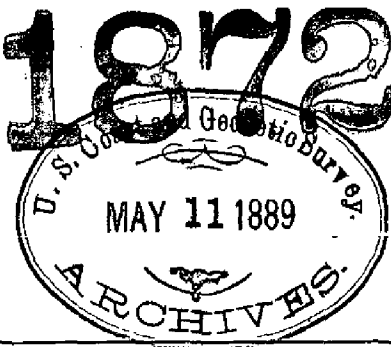
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This sheet extends from near the base of Sandy Point northward beyond the middle of Birch Bay.

From Point Whitchorn southward it is a bluff shore-line varying in height from 40 to 140 feet; the only break being in the light just S. E. from Cherry Point.

The bluffs are usually in small patches, with ravines between. These ravines do not generally extend far back, after reaching the tops of the bluffs the land is nearly level, rising very gradually.

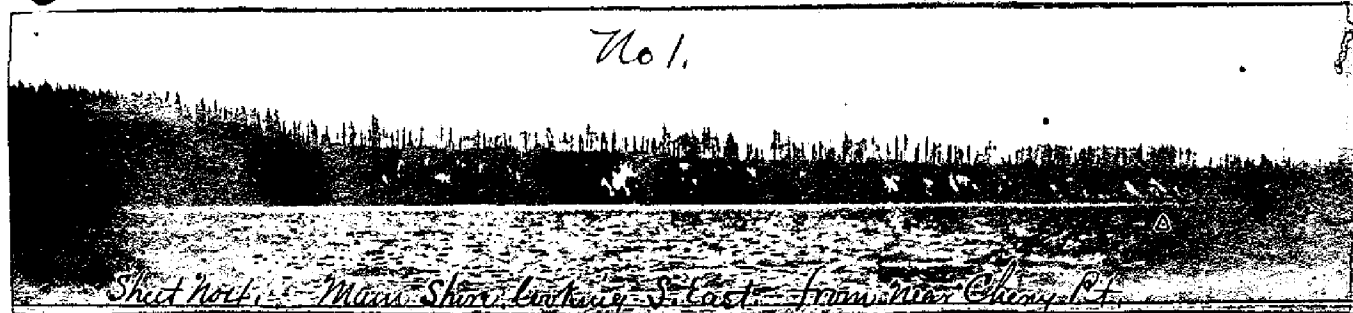
It has mostly been burned over, and a large portion of the large timber has been killed.

The highest land is to the west of the only ravine of any size, that at Mr. C. C. Finckbonner, just S. E. of Cherry Point, and on this high land there have been no fires.

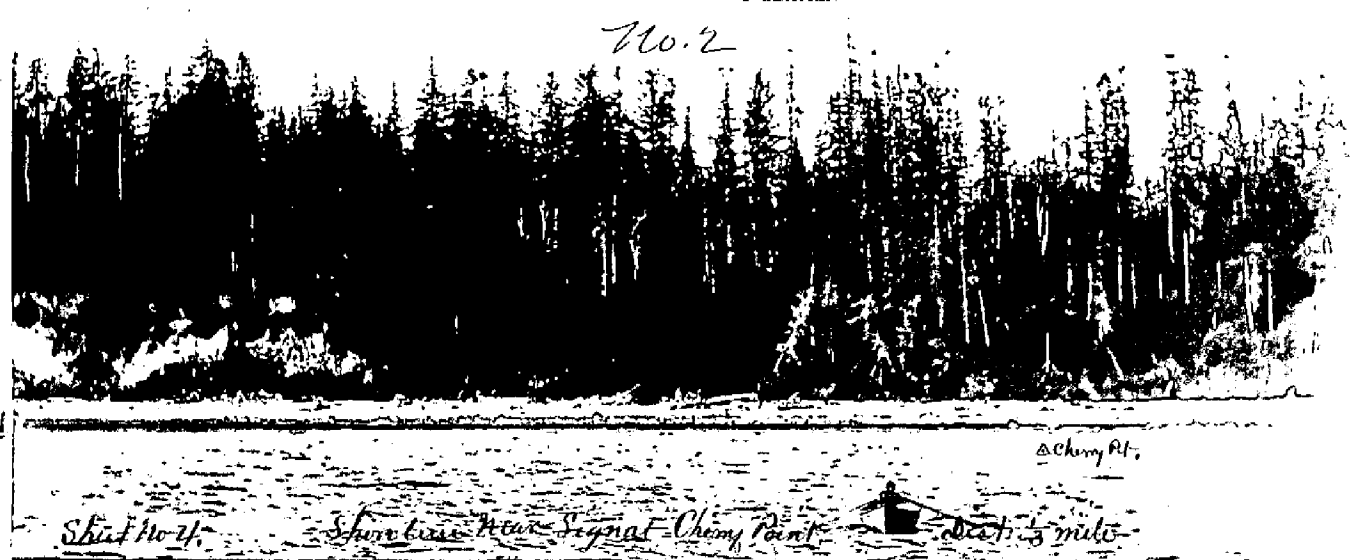
In view No. 1, taken from an anchorage off Cherry Point, or it may have been from an anchorage off Mr. Finck-

bonner.

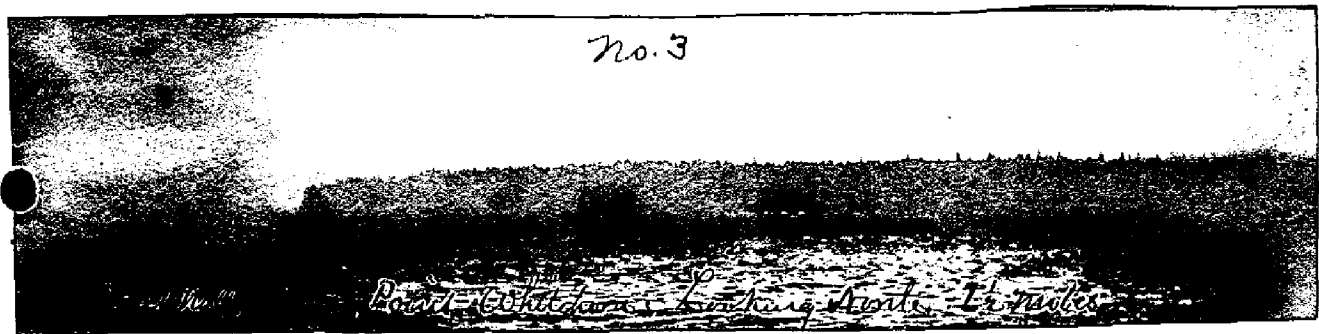
- comes down, this high land is seen at the left of view. While the succession of bluffs southward to Δ Hardpan beyond is clearly



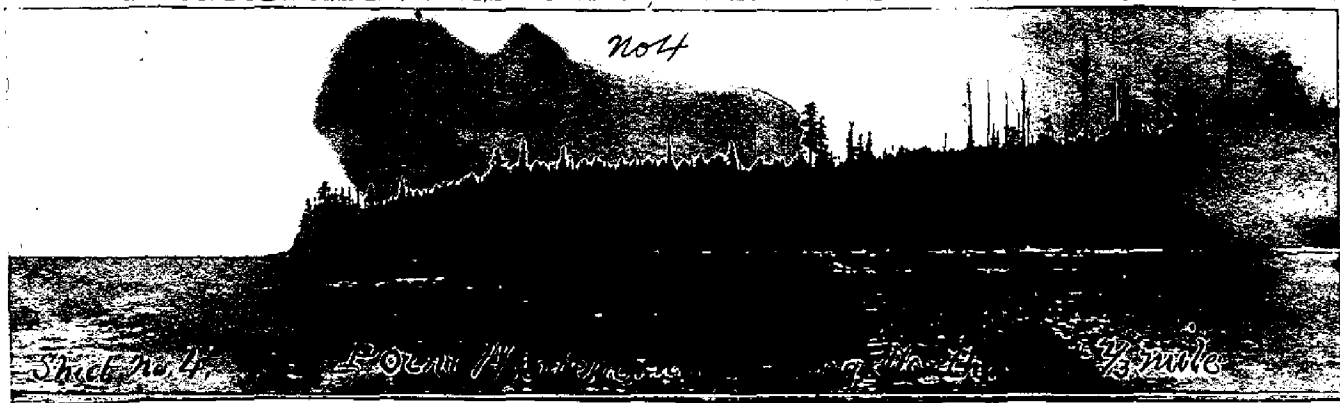
represented. The shores along this stretch are gravel with a few boulders. The best in the immediate vicinity of Δ Hardpan



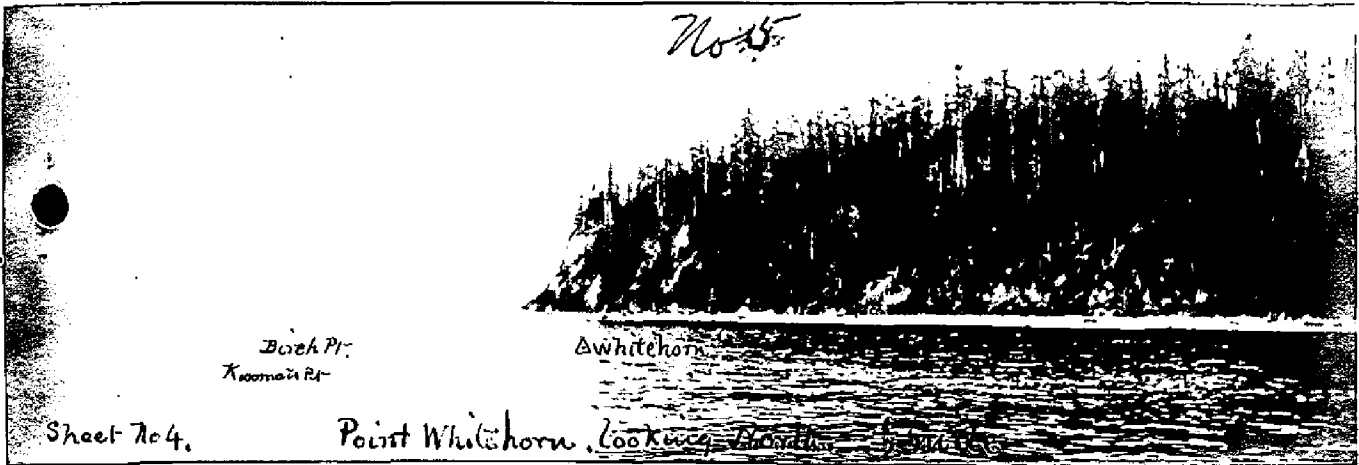
View No. 2. is taken from the anchorage just off Cherry Point, and shows the Signal and illustrates the character of the shoreline in that vicinity. The underbrush here as in most places is very dense; the beach is large cobbles stones and boulders,



View No. 3 is taken from the anchorage a little distance north of Cherry Point, and gives a general view of the land from Pt Whitcomb southward.



View No. 4 is similar to No. 3, being from the same general direction, but much closer. It shows the rocks skirting Pt Whitcomb, being taken at low tide, it is taken from an anchorage near the large rocks represented on the chart, but further off shore. There is anchorage all along this shore, at considerable distances off shore; the beach is wide, and principally cobblestones and boulders.



View No. 5 is also of Point Whitehorn looking North, but far enough along to show Birch Point, and (faintly) Kuomai Pt., beyond a Satellite in P.C., Station Whitehorn is visible on the top of the bluff. This view taken at high tide, does not show the boulder beach.



View No. 6 is taken from the Steamer, just off the bluff at Point Whitehorn, Signal Whitehorn is seen on top of the bluff - Sig Whitehorn II, is indicated approximately in ink, Not having been

erected at the time this negative was made. On
the extreme left we see into Birch Bay.

Birch Bay is an open harbor, exposed to storm.
At low tide the flats extend out a long distance.
A wharf has been commenced, but never
completed. At the point where a wharf is
located, this is the only place where the deep
water approaches the shore near enough
for wharfage purposes.

The land all around the bay is fertile and
easily cleared, it is a loam.

There is reported to be a fine lake on this
sheet, somewhere east of Cherny Point, having
its outlet through the Marok and Slough, which
are represented on Chart to Ed. of a wharf.

I made an effort to reach the lake, but
found the mud-tracks too dense.

The road leading back from Birch Bay is
that over which the mail is carried, from Blaine
via Birch Bay & Fendate to Whatecum, Birch Bay
P.O. is in the Store, (A Cor. Store)

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