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State: Washington

LOCALITY:

Hume & Drayton

CHIEF OF PARTY:

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1913
Station Drayton 1 was recovered and the topography of Semiahmoo peninsula was rerun from this point. Was unable to recover any other original triangulation point but a signal was put up by the topography of the shore line very close to the position of Grouse. The work may be out a couple of meters in orientation although I hardly think so as the shore line of the peninsula checked very well except at the extreme Northeastern point where some changes have been made in the buildings and piling.

All the present buildings are shown in red as well as the shore line mentioned above and the two docks. The road as it exists now is also shown in red. This road has been shifted to the Eastward starting now from the eastern end of the A.P.A2 dock.

The Light house and the Western gable of the new cannery on the Blaine side were located by cuts and if necessary this work can be swung in with these two points and Drayton 1, with the work of 1905 by The Geological Survey, I understand they made a survey of this country then.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Asst., C. & G. Survey.
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Description Report
Sheet No. S.
Topography of Gulf of Georgia
Register No. 1873.

This sheet includes the north part of
Biscuit Bay; all of Drayton Harbor; and
the headland between the two bays.

There is no rock formation on this sheet, but
there are many large boulders along the beach
from A. Bantock to Drayton Spit, and around
the head of Drayton Harbor.

The headland between the two bays is quite high;
reaching from 100 to 200 feet or more, the highest
part borders on Drayton Harbor midway between
Drayton Spit and A. Bantock. The whole headland has
been pretty thoroughly logged, and is now cut up
with logging roads. All the principal roads were
receded. In the vicinity of A. Bantock is a slough, which
has been slightly diked, the banks naturally being
high, and the whole original turnout has been under
Cultivation. I do not think it was ever very hard, and
not at all soft. It was kept wet in winter by a
Small Stream, which has been turned by ditching, and now washes the beach near—

A. Barton...

From Barton Station, around to Drayton Spit, the shore is bold, with frequent patches of Broken Bluff, height, of Bluff, at shoreline, ranging from 25 to 60 feet. The lowest part is just north of A. Beach, where are some abandoned Indian Huts.

The beach is broad, and mostly composed of gravel and cobblestones, with many large boulders scattered along. Some of them several roods off shore. There is no fresh water in this entire distance. Except one spring bubbling up through the gravel, below A. Beach... This is about 1/2 mile north of the Indian Huts, and is pure and icy cold.

Drayton Spit is a low gravel spit, with no low or seaweed covered. It is about one mile long, and at Drayton I. Near the base it is only 20 meters across; at the widest part it is about 250 meters wide. (Can be measured exactly from chart.) 4 mile from the end of spit is a grove of large fir trees.
The town of Semiahmoo is on the end of Drayton Spit, where the Channel approaches close to the shore. At the end of the Point, where is about 15 ft. water at low tide, water is obtained by shallow wells near the Point. The water is rather brackish and hard, but near the Point it is quite clear and sweet.

The town is small, probably about 10 or 12 families, two stores, and one shingle mill. The sawmill across the Channel, on the Blaine flats is also owned and operated by the Semiahmoo people.

Drayton Harbour is largely mud flats, and the mud is very soft. There is good anchorage from 3 to 7 fathoms inside the Spit. I was not satisfied just how much water can be carried into the Harbor at low tide, but would say about 5 fathoms. The mud, gravel, and shell flats are outside of Drayton Spit. Make out near the Point, about 1000 fathoms. A short distance outside of this is deep water. At the Point of the Shale, and not from the end of the Spit, in 6 fathoms.
Water is a dear Buoy... To enter round the Buoy... and head direct for the Wharves at Penichmore.

This the only view I obtained for this sheet, was taken from near the Buoy. The tops of which show in the lower right hand corner; it was taken after sun set, and is not very distinct... and the pointed inserts is overprinted... The point of Doughtin Point, and some of the buildings of Penichmore are indistinctly seen.

At the 4th line left hand shoule appear some of the houses of Blaine.

The land at Blaine is about 30 ft. high, a deep ravine runs back through the town extending a long distance to eastward, it has a small stream... Going toward the head of the bay by either... Then the land falls, at a Riverway... it is about... 20 ft. at a Check about 10 ft. - at a Track about 30 ft. and at a Groupe about 5 ft. Between Station Bridge
and loxia there is nothing as high as 18 ft.; although except from one or four swampy patches, it is dry and few to 12 ft. above tides. These low lands are covered with deciduous growth, thickly mixed shrubs, fir and pine.

California Creek at the entrance of the Harbor, and Dakota Creek one mile further north, are nearly sloughs into which two fine streams of fresh water flow. Dakota Creek is the deeper and the lower part can be navigated in a small boat at any time of tide. Although it cannot be utilized at low, low tide, neither at low tide will a boat ascend further than |Dakota| Creek.

Narrow to the dimensions of a small stream, there is quite a large settlement on the shores of California Creek, the first farms being represented on the Chart.

In Drayton Harbor, there is a small stream of fresh water at the house of Mr. Moore, it was here we obtained water for the Steamer — the next.
Thames, going around the bay is nearly to
Mile North of A Creek, there is a third stream
but very little water, a mile North of A Hollow
and a favorite one through Blaine, also with
very little water.

The land fronting front of Blaine extend about
64 acres to Semiahmoo, and are hard and
smooth. Place for a chop to deep water worn
down some years ago, but except a few areas
nothing more had been done.

Blaine has three stores, a saloon, shops, and
five or forty dwellings, it extends about
100 miles along them.

Both Blaine and Semiahmoo are quiet and
orderly. No saloon or bar can be found in
either, but some disrespectful character has
erected a large hotel, just across the line, and
forces to defeat the good plans of the
Citizens on the American side, by opening a bar.

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