

From the north part of Lama Passage a very narrow crooked strait, named Gunboat Passage, runs eight miles eastward to the Fisher Channel.

From Lama Passage the *Seaforth Channel* leads in a general westward direction about fourteen miles to Milbank Sound.\* It has an average width of nearly two miles, with two islets nearly in mid-channel, two miles from the eastern end; one of these is a grassy islet about fifty feet high, with poles and Indian houses or graves. Many openings appear in the southern low shores, and numerous bays and arms open towards the north. About southwest of the western islet in mid-channel is the opening of Kynnumpt Harbor, with a white rock twelve feet above water at its western point of entrance, which is about one-third of a mile wide, with sixteen fathoms in mid-channel and three and four fathoms close to either shore. The harbor stretches south about half a mile, and has good anchorage in mid-channel half the distance inside, with muddy bottom and eight fathoms of water, but the shores only four hundred yards apart. High water, full and change, at 0h. 30m.; springs, fourteen feet; neaps, eleven feet.

In the Seaforth Channel there is plenty of water on either side of the islet near Kynnumpt Harbor, and the mid-channel soundings show throughout no bottom at thirty-nine fathoms. About the middle of it, on the south shore, the Hecate Channel leads south-southwest for twelve miles to the Hecate Strait, while from the north there are two large arms leading twenty miles through a labyrinth of channels.

The mountains on either side of Seaforth Channel are not so high as along the more interior channels; in the earlier part they attain one thousand one hundred feet, while most of the shores are low and all are covered with timber.

In Milbank Sound,† about three miles northwest from the west entrance to Seaforth Channel, are some white rocks fifty feet high, with a sunken rock having two fathoms upon it, about three-fourths of a mile east of them.

The course is inside these rocks, which lie over two miles from the nearest land to the northeast.

After passing the white rocks keep to the northwest, to avoid a sunken rock four miles north of them and lying one mile off the eastern shore.

Milbank Sound is eight miles across; opening southwest directly upon the Hecate Strait, receives the full force of the southerly swell.

The western point is called *Point Day*, off which numerous islets stretch two miles to the southwest.

Northward of Milbank Sound the strait, taking the name of Finlayson Channel, runs nearly north for thirty-two miles to Carter Bay, with an average width of two miles. From the south entrance of the channel a peculiarly marked high pyramidal mountain is seen to the north-northeast. It was called the Quartz Mountain by the Coast Survey, and is named Striped Mountain on the admiralty charts on account of a great white streak down its south side, evidently the rock

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