

expedition specifies that "the height of forty-eight degrees" was attained. It is impossible, however, to ascertain at this late date the exact spot arrived at by Drake; but it is altogether probable that to him belongs the distinction of having been the first to lay claim to the land between the 43rd and 48th parallels of north latitude.

While reviewing the early history of the Pacific Coast, it would be improper, even in such a cursory resumé as the present, to pass without notice the story of the first reputed navigation of the channel separating the Mainland of Brit-

Queen Charlotte Sound. De Fuca imagined as he emerged into these waters that he had passed from the Pacific to the Atlantic and accordingly claimed to be regarded as the discoverer of the celebrated northwest passage, the search for which has only terminated in recent years. Interesting as the account of this voyage must always be it is nevertheless somewhat mythical; although, in justice to Juan de Fuca, it is but fair to state that in the light of modern research the story of his voyage has met with acceptance among those who have studied the early history of these waters.



Wreck of the Beaver, Brockton Point.

ish Columbia from the Island of Vancouver. It has been asserted that this voyage was accomplished by a Greek named Apostolos Valerianos, better known now as Juan de Fuca. In an exciting narrative published in 1625 by one Michael Lock it is set forth that this Greek, having been commissioned by the Spanish Governor of Mexico to explore these northern waters, entered the strait which bears his name, sailed through the Gulf of Georgia, and, having navigated safely the intricate passage to the north of the latter, at last reached

Cook, in his third great voyage, having, of course, heard of the voyage of Juan de Fuca, determined once and for all to dispose of any doubt in regard to the existence of the sheet of water claimed to have been navigated by the old Greek pilot. He therefore examined the coast with much care as far north as the 48th parallel. Finding no opening corresponding to De Fuca's description, he gave up the search and declared the story of this reputed discovery to have been altogether fictitious. Cook then continued his voyage up the coast. pass-