

can, without conveying a false impression, be spoken of as *off* the coast, that is not separated from it by a channel however wide it may be, that is not also straight enough to afford a clear view from end to end ; otherwise, the island being indented with the land is itself a part of the coast. These islands especially, are so deeply indented with the mainland and with each other, that it must be impossible for a navigator approaching from any direction, to detect any indication of the existence of this close-nested archipelago. Only by experience of the violence of the tides straining through the narrow "passes" of the mountain promontories, would the wary mariner receive his first intimation of the vast area of the inland sea, waiting to be filled or emptied at each recurring interval. The last place on earth where any person less imaginative than a closet student, would expect to find a second *coast* ! hidden away behind the first.

Though having a good memory for, and a keen interest in such details, the writer's idea of these islands was that they were of so moderate elevation, as to place little obstruction in a view from the sea of higher ranges beyond. But almost simultaneously with the Award, came the publication in Canadian newspapers, of a description of this region that might fill the reader with astonishment, and perhaps, establish a conviction that it was not without intention that such information had been withheld, till the rendering of the Award had, apparently, placed the United States' tenure beyond dispute. Mr. Aylesworth, with an authority that is almost absolute, and of which the writer is glad to avail himself—confirms this description in an argument that is intended to vindicate British rights to the heads of the Inlets, but which, being based on local facts instead of legal inferences, may have a wider application than its author intended. As follows :—

"With reference to the seventh question, as the majority of the Tribunal has decided that the mountains which shall form the eastern boundary of the *lisière* are to be sought inland at some place behind the head waters of every inlet, it is idle for me to express my views at any length.

Over and over again in the negotiations this *lisière de côte* which Russia was asking and England giving was spoken of by the Russians as a mere *point*