

of the headlands and landfalls when traveling along this coast and that of Alaska in government and passenger vessels, and have continued the practice to date, making a few special trips upon which photographs were also taken. In the last four or five years I have been assisted by Mr. Ferdinand Westdahl, who has made other views when traveling and when on special duty on light house steamers. Mr. Westdahl and I entered upon the reduction of these sketches, but under the pressure of the preparation of the Coast Pilot and of current duties the work progressed too slowly, and the reduction was finally assigned to Assistant Rockwell, who has made nearly all the drawings under my supervision. Mr. Westdahl has made some of the later ones. About one hundred of the original views have not been used. After this work was done, Assistant Gilbert made about forty views of the approaches of the Canal de Haro and Rosario Strait from the Gulf of Georgia and of the eastern shore to the forty-ninth parallel. Thirty of these have been drawn by Assistant Rockwell. No party has yet been especially assigned for the duty of taking views of the capes, islands, and landfalls on this coast, but I have inaugurated a scheme for photographing the whole sea board, both for landfall and for special objects, so as to obtain a continuous series of views for the mariner.

The work which I here present has been done under the heavy pressure of daily official routine and absorbing duties, and therefore it has been a long time in hand. I have striven to incorporate all important matter known to me at date, and I earnestly trust that the navigator will find no essential error in the very large number of descriptions and statements.

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