

BRITISH COLUMBIA COAST NAMES

1592 - 1906

THEIR ORIGIN AND HISTORY

ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED

Actæon sound, Drury inlet, Q. C. Sd. After H.M. 26-gun frigate *Actæon*, 610 tons, designed by Symonds, and launched at Portsmouth, 1830. Engaged in surveying duties on the coast of China, 1856-1857, Captain William T. Bate, and 1858-1862, Commander John Ward. Paymaster W. Blakeney, R.N., detailed for surveying duties on the *Beaver* in these waters, had served on board the *Actæon* during the latter's commission in China, and he suggested the name of his late vessel for this sound. Ward mountain, northward of the sound, is named after Commander Ward. Name adopted by Captain Pender (Master, R.N.), H.M. hired surveying vessel *Beaver*, 1865.

See Blackney passage; Ward mountain; Bate passage; Pender island; and Beaver harbour.

Active pass, between Mayne and Galiano islands. After the United States revenue and surveying vessel *Active*, 2 guns, 750 tons, Lieutenant Commander James Alden, which vessel in 1855 was the first naval steamer to make use of the passage, which Captain Alden named Active pass. In the Hudson's Bay Company's records at Nanaimo it is stated, under date December 29, 1855, 4:30 p.m., 'The U.S.S. *Active*, Captain Alden, arrived to take in coal, having Mr. Lewis, of the Hon. H.B.C., as pilot.' The vessel had previously been at Nanaimo for coal, August 13, 1855.

The *Active*, a wooden paddle steamer, formerly named the *Goldhunter*, schooner rigged, was purchased by the United States Government in 1853 from the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, and after strengthening and refitting at the navy yard on Mare island commenced her naval duties on this coast, in which she continued for some years. In November, 1857, the *Active* was engaged with the *Plumper* in Semiahmoo bay fixing the position of the 49th parallel in connection with the boundary question. While lying here a white man named Macaulay, who had been illicitly