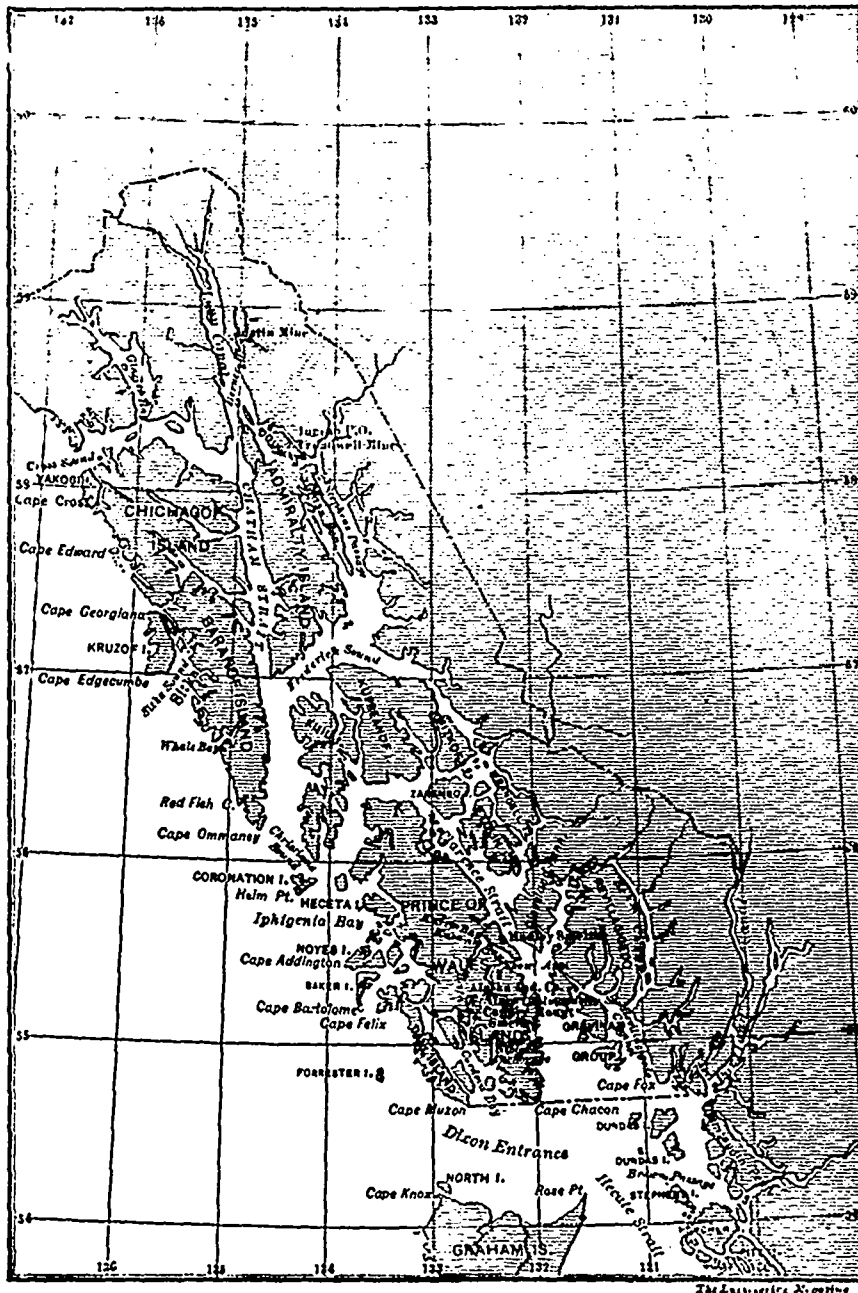


PRESENT CONDITIONS SOUTHERN ALASKAN MINING DEVELOPMENT.

THE ENGINEERING MAGAZINE of New York published in its issue for the current month the following article by Mr. Wm. M. Brewer on Southern Alaskan Mining Development:

insula. Within the area are located nearly all of the quartz or lode mines so far discovered in United States territory in the great North Land, but few placer diggings—in fact, none of the placer camps which are to-day receiving so much attention and yielding such phenomenal outputs of gold dust and nuggets.



A Portion of the Southern Alaskan Coast.
(From the Chart of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)

In discussing this subject I propose to confine myself to that portion of Alaska which embraces the mainland along the coast line and adjacent islands, from the south end of Prince of Wales Island to Kodiak Island lying to the east of the Alaskan Pen-

When it is considered that the length of this coast line, according to the route travelled by the steamers which make regular trips to those Alaskan points situated to the westward from Sitka, is about 1,600 miles, via what is known as the inside channel, it can