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## PORT CRESCENT AND HER BREAKWATER.

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To be read Thursday, 26th October, 1893.
In January, 1890, the Port Crescent Improvement Company was ineorporated to build a town site at Ureseent Bay, Clallam County, State of Washington.

Crescent Bay is located, geographioally, in Latitude $48^{\circ} 10^{\prime}$ North, Longitude $123^{\circ} 40^{\prime}$ West, on the south shore of the Straits of Juan de Fuca, 40 miles east of the Pacific. It is a small bay, measuring about one mile east and west, by half a mile north and south.

It is the nearest point on the American shore to Vancouver Island, and there is the possibility of a railway ferry from Creseent Bay to Becher Bay on the Vancouver side.

A fine agrieultural ecuntry adjoins it, and some of the finest timber belts in the State of Washington are in the immediate vioinity:

Operations were commenced in February, 1890, by laying out a town site on the bench above the bay, covering about 400 acres, tho frontage between the town site and bay being reserved for railway purposes.

The town site was laid out on the reetangular plan; the streets being 80 feet and the avenues 100 feet wide.

Bloeks were 200 feet by 300 iect; lots 30 feet by 100 feet. The tiers of blocks fronting on Creseent Avenue were given alleyways, 20 feet wide, the intention being to sell them ths business bloeks.

The streets were monumented every four blocks with stones planted below the surfece, at street intersections.

An accurate topographical map was made, from which all the street grades were located.

Cresoent Avenue wasfgraded half width for its entire distance. A pipe line laid from one of the streams near by furnished water. After the town site survey was eompleted, the company sot men to work, elearing_the site and constructing a 50 foot roadway from the beaoh to the beneh above.

The elevation of the town site at tho north line, where the roadway enters Crescent Aronue, is 220 feet above sea level. At tho south line of the town site, $\frac{3}{4}$ of af mile distant, tho elovation is 310 feet above sea level.

The"roadway is 2,400 feot long, on a 9 p. 0 . grade, and was constructed by building eribwork to sustain the embankment, tho roadbed being about $\frac{2}{3}$ in exeavation and $\frac{1}{3}$ in embankment. Tho average slope of the hill is $35^{\circ}$.

The crib work was built of eedar logs, lapped and drift-bolted. An eight-foot sidewalk with hand rail and a box gutter wero built on the outer side of the roadway.

A ditch threo feet wide and cighteen inches deep was excavated at the foot of the hill slopes, thus rodueing the roadway to about 38 feet for traffie purpuses.

The material excavated was hard pan and clayey gravel with some rock. The total cost of the road was $\$ 24,000$.

The company advertised the work, but the tenders wore all above the netual eost.

After clearing about half the town site, and completing the roadwny, hotel, whinf' and other company buildings, attention was given to the main seheme-that of enlarging med improving the harbour.

After making a thorough survey of tho cuast line for two miles cast nud west of the hay, sumedings of the harbour were taken as follows: trmasit stations were entablished at different points on the shoro; two transit men observing from diflerent stations read angles at each sounding. The recorder in tho boat wouid wnee a white flag for cach sor nding, and at the cad of 10 soundings would check the number by a blue flay, the ouservers ou shore replying with a similar flag.

About two hours was as long as the instrument men contd observe successfully, on accomit of thescrerestain on the egen. They recorded as well us read the augles on the verniers of the transits. Two Gurley Mountain 'rausits were nsed on the work. The boat erew eonNisted of enginecr, keadsman, recorder, and two oarsmen. About 700 necurate soundings nere taken and reduecd to low water level, before being recorded on the map. The tide gauge was examined hourly while the soundings were in progress, and three times a day thereafter.
The bottom was found to be sandy, a few boulders being found near the shoro where the hillsides showed rock formation.
The direction and velocity of the currents were also ascertained. The velocity of the current between the recf and headtand on the west side was about forser miles per hour, while on the cast side it was mneh less.

At the entrance to the bay, the two rect's shown on the accompanying map we:e thoroughly sounded. The largest reef, loeated on the we:t side, being marked by a large mushroon buoy, set by the United States Light Honse Department.

The idea was to connect the high hemdand on the west side of the bay with the reef; thus inercasing the size of the harbonr and protecting it from the beavy westenn swells which roll in during the winter searon. The headiand stands 103 fiet above sea level, and is mostly. solid rock. Tomue Point, on the east side, is a long low flat point, jutting out towards the reff, and was to be extended by a breakwater. Nothing has yet been done with this point. Tha breakwater on the west being the more important, at! attention wat direetedto this point. It wan to be a huge revek fill, 25 feet wide en top, with side slopes of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 1 . The top was located of feet above higis tius ${ }^{6} \mathbf{1 6}$ feet above low tide; $\mathbf{1 0}$ feet being the difference between higy wh low water.

In August, 1890, drillers were placed on the point where the breakwater was to commence, and a tumuel 4 feet by 4 feet, cross-section 78 fect long, with a $T$ at the cud 44 and 46 feet long, respectively, was excavated in the solid reek. The material encountered varied in hardness and texture, some being of a couglomerate nature, while other formations showed traces of iron. Three shifts of 8 hours each worked in the tmmel. The average cort was 86.00 per lineal foot. Hand drilly were nsed. In September, the powder arrived from Sau Francisco, and preparations were made to load the tmuel with 18,000 prounds of Black Powder and Judson No. 2. On aceonnt of a scam being found in the top of the hill, immediately above the tomel, and fearing the blant might prove a "blow ont" at the back, quite a number of springing holet were drilled in the face of the eliff, on both sides of the mouth of the tunnel.



Wire wore laid, so the shot could be fired by a battery 1200 feet away. On September 28th, 1890 , all conneetions were made and the hattery key aprung in; in amoment the work of days showed good results. The npringing holes dill the work designed for thom; the huge man fell firward and was thrown into the Straits in some places 150 fine from whre wid in the line of the breakwater. A rough mea. anrement shuwied that about 15,000 cubie yards had been displaeed and it lease $10,0,0 \%$ enbic yards lonsened, ready for broaking and dislodging.
Alure the blant, preparations were made to commeuee the work of filling in the lecep ehamel. Workmen began eloaring a spaee to erect Nertrickn and mbeds fir maehinery. An average of 30 me: were emphyed in drilling, breaking and whecling roek. As soon as possible, backe were laill, nod pualh cars with a eapacity of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ eubie yards, were huill. After the breakwater had been exterded about ono hundred fiet froms the shore line, piling was driven to facilitate the work. The lentew were placed 15 fect apart, and consisted of four piles nine lowt aprirt, awny baced, and e:upped with $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime} \times 32^{\prime}$ stieks. 40 (wimil raily wert: haid on $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$ stringers, the traek being double nind marrow gruge width. Ties were not laid on aecount of the material lwing dumped between as well as ou the outside of the stringer. A Ai, 1 li grale of abont four inches per one hundred fect was given thee homk, we that when cars we re loaded, two men could readily handle then. The ears were built, so that they eould be used for end or side dmmpine. 'I'ho material handled coutained about 5 per eent. gravel, and efform why: fuade io dump the carthy material on the west slope. Tla: wid arnce in the fill was extimated to be about 35 per eent., althwigh, from the nature and size of the material placed in position,

it cannot bo more than $\mathbf{2 5}$ per eent. Tho rock cubes dunped in place varicd from 12 inehes to 50 inehes in diameter.

The average height of the rock bank will be 50 feet, with a width of 25 fect on top and side slopes of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 1 , giving an end area of 5000 square feet or 185 cubic yards per lineal foot. Allowing 25 per eent. for voids, would give 139 eubic yards per lineal foot, to be dumped in bank. The average cost of the work thus fer has been thout one dollar per eubie yard, although some of the material has been handled for forty econts a yard. During construction, from 20 to 60 men were emp hoyed, the force being inertaser or deereased as the work demanded. The system of building the bauk by erecting trestle-work and filling in with roek has proven the most conomieal. Work continned during the greater part on the year until November, 1891, when, owing to the finaneial depression prevaling on the Pacifis coast, the company decided to suspend operations until somo future time. At that time, the piling had been built out a distance of 405 feet from the shore, aud the roekwork extended 300 feet. The severe storms of last year
earricd away all of the unfilled piling, but the rock bank still stands firm. 'The general mope of the banksappear frem rough measnrement to be ubout 1 to 1 for 20 feet from the top, thes, eurving to abont 2 to 1 slope. The curved slope has been caused by the nevere netien of the lreakers running in during western storms. Eiventually the slopes will have to be filled to $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 1 , and on the west side 2 to 1 .

Owing to the werk being construeted in the Etraits of Juau Den Fuea, which tave a general width of from 12 to 16 miles, and being 40 miles enst of tho l'acifie Ocean, the dingers to bo encountered in construction are not as great as if built upon the Atlantio or Pacific sea const. The prevailing winds are from the west, altheogh in January the "North Easters" are the worst, und last from ono to threo days. The curronts sweep up the west coast, and shoot along the west side of the headhand, then turn northerly towards the reef, bofore curving again to the east.
The sonndings on the reef show a deprait of sand amongst the bonders. This action of the currents is noticeable at Port Angelis, 16 miles further east, where a enrved spit, 3 miles long, has been formed. At Dungeness spit, 25 miles cast of Cresecnt Bay, ${ }^{\prime}$ also seen tho same fermation.

The works have now stoed the actien of threo seasons, and no doubt when the banks aro filled out to their original slopes they wiii be amply strong.

This cuterprise has been entirely carried out by private capital, although it is expected, should the town ever anount to any importanee, that the United States Government will complete the breakwater on a more elaborate seale. This cinterprise is only ene of the many projects started in the fir West, and shows what money aud energy are expended in building up the many hamets and villages that now dot the l'aeific States.


