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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey

Topographic

Field No.

Office No.

2396

LOCALITY

State

Minnesota

General locality

Vicinity of St

Locality

Paul & Minneapolis

1894

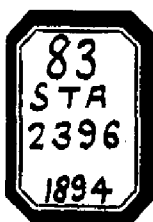
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LOCALITY:

*Vicinity of St. Paul
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Descriptive Report
to accompany Topographic Sheet No 2396,
of vicinity of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.
1894.

This sheet was used in explaining and illustrating to the State Topographer of Minnesota the methods of topographic work in use by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

In the course of this demonstration, the work was so distributed over the "Interurban District" as to determine graphically the positions of a large number of prominent objects and to give a considerable amount of local detail in Minneapolis and vicinity.

The general character of the country is a gently rolling plateau cut by the gorge of the Mississippi which reveals the limestone basis of the gravel surface and again below this the sandstone substratum.

Ponds or small lakes are of frequent occurrence in this region.

The district being thickly settled and for the most part of an urban or suburban character, there is not a large amount of woodland.

There are however some patches of mixed growth in which the trees attain a good size. In spite of being included in city limits, there are considerable areas of farming land, but large portions of the territory having been cut up by new streets and subdivided into building lots have become desert land for all practical purposes.

The cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the village of Mendota and the military post of Fort Snelling are within the limits of this sheet.

The "twin cities" form the principal centre of population in the state. The flour and lumber mills are the principal business interests. There are several lines of railway and the amount of business done is very large. There is a very elaborate system of electric tramways. The roads are generally fairly good and there are a number of fine bridges, both railway and highway across the Mississippi.

St. Paul is the capital of the state and the University of Minnesota is at Minneapolis.

W. C. Hodgkins
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