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U. S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY.

Henry S. Pritchett , Superintendent.

State: *H. I.*

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

*Haunakakai, Island of
Molokai*

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Topography of Kaunakakai
Island of Molokai, H. I.

Kaunakakai is situated on a small sandy plain at the foot of the slope on the southern side of Molokai. Toward the N.W. the surface is comparatively level and in this section the cane lands of the American Sugar Co are located. Although of excellent soil from six to eight feet deep, it has been found necessary to suspend the operations of the plantation on account of the impracticability of securing a sufficient supply of fresh water.

Toward the N. and N.E. the surface rises in comparatively easy mountain slopes about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from the beach, while toward the E. the slopes become steeper and approach the sea, the whole surface being cut by almost impassible gullies. The slopes are bare, except for scanty grass, and bushes in the gullies, but the plain around the town is covered by a growth of algarobas.

As the water is extremely shoal for a long distance from the shore, a substantial rock fill has recently been built to enable the plantation railroad to reach the landing, half a mile off-shore, where the Island steamers come alongside to discharge. The smaller of the docks is a pile structure which can only be reached by small boats.

The greater portion of the town lies back of the railroad track but could not be reached in the time allowed, especially as it is buried in trees.