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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. *2481*

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Surveyed Oct. 11 to Dec. 15 1899

By Freeman Moore, Assistant

Scale $\frac{1}{100,000}$

The sheet extends lengthwise East and West across the San Francisco Peninsula and the topography represented on it includes a strip extending from the North end of Lake Merced to Hunter's Point and about two miles in width, its northern edge extending from

Potrero Point on the Bay to the ocean beach at a point a little less than a mile south of Golden Gate Park.

The plan of operations followed in making the survey was to go around the outskirts of the city showing all details, such as roads, timbered areas, and scattered houses that exist outside of the opened and graded streets, and to depend upon the city map for the streets of the city proper. The ends of streets and numerous corners and blocks were located on the sheet in the field as to furnish common points for the junction of the work derived from the city map with that actually surveyed in the field. Within the outside limits of the city as determined all the streets shown on the city map are indicated though a few of them are not yet graded. It was considered unnecessary for our

purposes. if the sheet does not in this particular show the actual state of things on the ground. The city practically extends to the limits indicated.

The principal change on the map, that is noticeable from sea, is the wooded area between Ingleside and Lake Honda. A dense forest of blue gumme interspersed with Monterey cypress and pines has been planted within the last twelve years and the trees have grown and flourished so as to entirely change the aspect of the hills whose slopes they cover. The contrast between these timbered slopes and the sand hills towards the ocean beach is very marked from seaward.

The Western slope of Black Ridge and the sand hills are shown on the city map as all laid out in streets. These exist,

however, only on paper, except in the case of 19th Avenue, which at the time of the survey was being opened and graded. Probably this section of San Francisco will soon, now that a start has been made, be settled up. There is more room for the city's growth in this direction than in any other. The principal drawbacks to rapid settlement are the drifting sands blown in from the ocean beach and the strong North West winds which sweep unobstructed over this section during the greater part of the year.

That portion of San Francisco about Hunters Point, University Mound and Visitacion Valley has not changed much in recent years. Dairies, small poultry yards and market gardens have to a great extent rendered this part of the city undesirable for res-

idence purposes, and have thus materially retarded municipal progress. Still a comparison with the work of the former survey in 1882 shows a steady growth of the city outward in all directions.