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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. *2503*

LOCALITY:

*Norton Sound - Bald
Head to Mt. Iweneuk*

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CHIEF OF PARTY:

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Topography of Norton Sound.

Sheet No. 5.

Scale = 1-40,000.

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The shore-line represented on this Sheet is that between Bald Head and signal Thor.

To the Westward of Bald Head is a broad, deep valley, through which flow several streams of considerable size;- the first, and perhaps the largest of these, the Kuik, is about five miles N.W. from station Castle Rock, is navigable for small boats. There is a native village near the mouth of the river.

Six miles West from the Kuik is the Tubutulik, which Mr. Peters ascended, in canoes, many miles. This river empties into the Bay, or Sound, behind the long sand and gravel spit.

The third river is the Quineuk, which flows into the head of the Bay behind the long spit.-It is said that there is another outlet of this stream further West, making an island of the long spit. Mr. Peters says the Quineuk, comes from the mountains nearly North of its mouth, and that beyond that point it heads away to the Southward, to the region back of signal Thor.

The low land and broad beach extends fifteen miles beyond the end of the long spit:-which is about one mile beyond the last stream shown on the sheet.

From the beginning of the high land, at the end of the long beach, the shores are bold and rocky, with patches of gravel beach:- the headlands are bold and precipitous, and it was very difficult climbing

over them, and, not seldom, quite dangerous as well.

On the long spit there is a considerable amount of drift wood

The land between Norton Bay and Golofnin Bay, is all mountainous and the ravines are filled with fir trees.

The water along these shores is deeper than it is above Bald Head, the boat could be brought within one or two hundred metres of the beach even at low tide.

There is bold water close to the end and just inside of the long spit, and while good protection might be found here in Southerly gales it would be limited to small vessels, - such a vessel as the Yukon might find a good harbor here.



Assist: C. & G. Survey, Chief of Party.