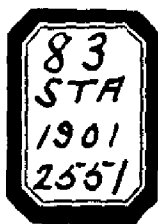


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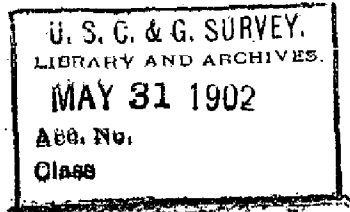
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The shoreline and the town of Crisfield on this sheet were surveyed by Aid F.F.Weld, Chief of Party, in 1901; and the names of creeks, islands and points were put on the sheet by him in pencil.

The interior topography was surveyed in 1902 by Asst. Geo. L. Flower.

The arable land is mostly low and flat, not much higher than the marsh. It is protected from the overflow of the extreme tides by dikes along the marsh line. At the eastern end of the sheet, along the Pocomoke River and vicinity, the land is somewhat higher in places and no dikes are necessary.

One of the most noticeable features of the topography is the absence of fences around the farms. The fact that very little stock is raised in this section accounts for this.

The principal products of the farms in this territory, are strawberries, sweet-potatoes and corn.

In the vicinity of Crisfield the country is thickly settled, the inhabitants gaining a livelihood from the water, oystering, crabbing and fishing.

Crisfield, on the Little Annemessex River, with a population of about 3000, is the principal port on Tangier Sound. A branch of the N.Y.P. & N. R.R. has its terminus at Crisfield, and in the summer months, there is a daily steamboat to and from Baltimore. Crisfield is the only place on the Tangier Sound where steamers can get water. Hopewell is a small shipping station on the railroad and Shelltown, a small place at the mouth of the

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Pocomoke River, has a steamboat landing, and is the shipping point for the immediate vicinity.

The roads in the neighborhood of Crisfield are of shell and in good condition. The country is well supplied with dirt roads, leading in all directions and kept in fair condition.

Geo. L. Flower Asst. U.S.C. & G.S.,
Chief of Party.