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LOCALITY: Samon Falls					
River-Cocheco- River and Bellemy					
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The principal features of interest on this sheet are the City of Dover, and the four rivers, Bellamy, Cocheco, Salmon Falls and Piscataqua. That portion of the first named river below the dams, where it is a tidal estuary, is known locally as "Back River."

The City of Dover has a population of about 15,000 inhabitants and its principal interests are centered in the cotton and woolen mills, the Bellamy and Cocheco rivers furnishing part of the power for their operation.

The U.S.Army Engineers have dredged in the Bellamy River a channel 5 ft. deep at low water from a point a short distance below the lower or Sawyers Mill to a short distance below the upper brick yard (nearly the whole of the length of the river shown on the sheet). (See accompanying print of U.S.Engineer's Map).

The Cocheco River has also been dredged, to a depth at low water of 7 ft., from Dover to the Piscataqua River. A small amount of coal is carried up this waterway to Dover. The channel is also of service to a decreasing number of brick yards, enabling them to load their output into schooners lying close to the kilns. The Salmon Falls River has no navigational importance and nothing has been done to improve its channel. An outcropping ledge in the bed of the river below the mouth of the Great Works River forms an obstruction at low water for all classes of craft.

The shoreline and main roads were carefully located.

Practically all the prominent buildings were determined by

intersections. The street lines of the city of Dover were compiled from a blue print obtained from the office of the city engineer, and which I was informed was not based on a precise survey. The street lines have been swung in to conform to a number of points determined by triangulation and also by the plane-table.

There are no permanent striking landmarks along the river which could be named. In the City of Dover the City Hall should be named.

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