U.S. COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

DESCRIPTIVE REPORT

Type of Survey: Topographic
Field No.: Office No.: 2396

LOCALITY
State: Minnesota
General locality: Vicinity of St Paul & Moundsapolis
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Vicinity of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

1894.

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W. E. Hodges
Descriptive Report
to accompany Topographic Sheet No. 2396,
of vicinity of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minn.,
1894.

This sheet was used in explaining and illustrat- ing to the State Topographer of Minnesota the methods of topographic work in use by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

In the course of this demonstration, the work was so distributed over the "Interurban District" as to determine graphically the positions of a large number of prominent objects and to give a considerable amount of local detail in Minneapolis and vicinity.

The general character of the country is a gently rolling plateau cut by the gorge of the Mississippi which reveals the limestone basis of the gravel surface and again below this the sandstone substratum. Boulders or small boulders are of frequent occurrence in this region.

The district being strictly petted and for the most part of an urban or suburban charac-
ter, there is not a large amount of woodland.
There are however some patches of mixed
growth in which the trees attain a good size.
In spite of being included in city limits,
there are considerable areas of farming land,
but large portions of the territory having been
Cut up by new streets and subdivided into
building lots have become desert land for
all practical purposes.
The cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, the vil-
lage of Mendota and the military post of Fort
snelling are within the limits of this state.
The "twin cities" form the principal center of popu-
lation in the state. The flour and lumber mills
are the principal business interests. There
are several lines of railway and the amount
of business done is very large. There is a
very elaborate system of electric tramways.
The roads are generally fairly good and there
are a number of fine bridges, both railway
and highway across the Mississippi.
St. Paul is the capital of the state and the Univer-
sity of Minnesota is at Minneapolis.

W. C. Hodgkins
Chief of Party.