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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

Topographic Sheet No. 2446 + 2446a

LOCALITY:

Resurvey of San Francisco Bay from Point Invertine to Sallines Creek

1898:

1909

CHIEF OF PARTY:

E. E. Dickinson

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Improvements at Point San Pedro.

These improvements were surveyed with a sextant and plotted directly on a photographic copy of a plane-table survey by E.F. Dickens 1898, which I obtained from the sub-office San Francisco. The tracing was then made of enough features, to properly understand the location of the improvements.

2. All three wharves are gravel wharves and stone is being taken out of the banks adjacent to the shore line at the end of the wharves. Narrow gauge tracks are laid on the large wharves for hauling the dirt.

The wharf on the southerly side of the point was sketched in.

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Tracing showing
Improvements
at
San Pedro Point
California
December 29'09
by
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Descriptive Report.

Re-survey of San Francisco Bay

Point San Quentin to Gallinas Creek.

The topography on this sheet was extended far enough inland to include the town of San Rafael and the Railroad and County road, which are the main lines of communication to the Northward.

San Rafael, the County seat of Marin County, has a population of about 4000; it is very prettily located and seems to be prosperous, it is connected with San Francisco by two lines of railroad, The San Francisco and North Pacific R.R. (via Tiburon Ferry), and The North Pacific Coast R.R. (via Sausalito Ferry), the distance is about 15 miles and the time about an hour, a great many San Francisco business men reside here and make the trip daily. The Tamalpais Military Academy, and the Sacred Heart Convent Seminary are also located here. The town has a good water supply from Lagunitas, a lake on the North side of Mount Tamalpais, and is lighted with gas and electric lights. The principal industry in this vicinity is dairying and stock raising.

San Rafael Creek is a small tide water slough, which runs almost bare at low water, but is navigated at high tide by quite a fleet of small scow schooners, which bring coal, lumber and other heavy merchandise for use of the town. Since the completion of this survey the marsh land on the South side of the Creek has been ditched and dyked and is being reclaimed.

Schuetzen Park is a picnic resort, and both the Railroads have a station there, it is used a good deal by picnics from San Francisco during the summer season.

Point San Quentin was formerly used as the landing of a ferry from San Rafael to San Francisco, but after the railroad was built to Sausalito this ferry was abandoned. The water has shoaled very much off the Point, and the wharf is gradually going to decay.

The Marin Islands are claimed by the Government, but are not
inhabited or used at present, the Eastern and largest island is about 80 feet high.

The Sisters are two small rocky islets, about 20 feet high, lying about a quarter of a mile off Point San Pedro.

Point San Pedro, on the Western side of the entrance to San Pablo Bay, is a bold point about 300 feet high within a quarter of a mile of its extremity, about three miles back of the point the ridge rises to the height of 1050 feet, then falls off into a gap about 212 feet high, about a mile North of San Rafael, it is through this gap that the railroad and County road pass. The ridge is covered with oak timber and small brush.

Mc Nears Landing is situated about a quarter of a mile North of the extremity of Point San Pedro, there is a good wharf here also a store and Post Office, they have built a number of small cottages and a bath house near the landing intending to make it a summer resort. There are several Chinese Fishing Camps in this vicinity. The daily steamer from Petaluma to San Francisco stops at this landing both going and coming, and there is a good wagon road to San Rafael.

Gallines Creek is described on the next sheet to the Northward,

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