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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.
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LOCALITY:
Spruce Island and part of Kodiak Island

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Spruce Island is mountainous but has also a considerable area of rather low land especially in its northern and western parts. These lower portions are covered with a moderately dense growth of spruce trees while the mountain top is bare.

The outline of Spruce Island is very irregular and there are a number of rocks and islets lying some distance off shore.

In a cove at the southwestern end of the island is the small native village of Usinka or Ouzinkie. It is of little importance.

The portion of the shore line of Kodiak Island shown on this sheet extends from Spruce Cape, the north point of Kodiak entrance, to the eastern point of Kizhuyak Bay near the meridian of 152° 38' west longitude.

This shore is indented by several bays, the first of which is comparatively small. This is called on the chart Priest or Popof Bay but is commonly known in Kodiak as Mill Bay.

The next bay to the westward is a large one too deep for anchorage, called on the chart Devils Bay. I could not find
any accepted local name for it.

From this bay to Usinka Narrows, the shore has only slight irregularities and is very rocky. Opposite Usinka Head is a small triangular cove with a narrow lagoon at its head, and between the western headland of this cove and Shakmanof Point is an extensive cove of irregular outline with several small islands in it.

On the west side of Shakmanof Point is a smaller cove of rounded outline, chiefly noticeable from the circumstance that its eastern side is of slaty and its western side of granitic formation. In one of these granitic hills a copper mine was opened in 1907 but is not now worked.

I could not ascertain that either of these coves had a local name.

From Spruce Cape to the head of Devils Bay, the land is rather low and is densely wooded. From that point westward it is mountainous and only sparsely wooded in the lower portions.

Respectfully submitted,

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