

been so extended in its application as to designate the whole body of water lying south of the Gulf of Georgia, and east of the Straits of Fuca. Such is the application of that name, as now popularly understood and used. Among other names given by Vancouver, and which now appear on the map, are Mount Rainier (after Rear-Admiral Rainier, of the English navy), Vashon island (after Captain Vashon), Port Orchard (the name of the officer who discovered it), Possession sound, Port Townsend (in compliment of the "noble marquis of that name"), Whidby island (after Lieutenant Whidby), Mount Baker (after Lieutenant Baker), Bellingham bay, Deception passage, and New Dungeness. On the fourth of June, being the birthday of King George, Vancouver landed at Possession sound, and took formal possession of the country in the name of his sovereign. He applied the name New Georgia to all the surrounding country, as far south as the California possessions of Spain. As he emerged from Puget sound, or more properly, Admiralty inlet, and entered the Canal del Rosario, which he re-christened Gulf of Georgia, he fell in with the two Spanish vessels, *Sutil* and *Mexicana*, which had entered the Straits of Fuca a few weeks later than he, and were then engaged in exploring those upper waters. An interchange of courtesies followed, which led to an agreement to unite their labors; but jealousy soon put an end to this, and they then acted independently, both making quite thorough explorations and comparatively accurate charts of that long channel between Vancouver island and the main land. The subsequent history of that region, how it was occupied by representatives of the great Hudson's Bay Company, then by American settlers, became a portion of the United States by the treaty of 1846, was attached to Oregon in 1848, and became

a portion of Washington territory in 1853, is well known to all. Its subsequent development has been very great. Along its shores, agricultural industry and commerce are creating wealth and adding population, and, beyond peradventure, it will soon become a large and important portion of the soon-to-be-created state of Washington, which, from its location, and the possession of this magnificent inland sea, must become one of the most important states of the American union.

Puget sound is a body of water peculiarly adapted by nature, not only for being the seat of a large foreign commerce, but for the conveyance and interchange of the varied domestic products of a most extensive region. A glance at the map will show how great, in proportion to the superficial area of water, is the shore line, aggregating two thousand miles in length, and how the bays, inlets and channels ramify a region one hundred and fifty miles long, by seventy wide, in such a manner that every portion of it lies, practically, on the shores of the sound. The timber, coal and iron of that region, which are, in quantity, practically inexhaustible, and of a superior quality, have but few miles to go to reach deep water, where they may be loaded upon ships and conveyed to any port in the world, open to sea-going vessels. The agricultural products, since farming is done on the lands lying along or contiguous to the streams entering the sound, and which are navigable for light draft steamers, can also avail themselves of this great, free water way, in going to market or reaching a central shipping point. A line of railway, the Northern Pacific, already connects the sound with Portland, and thus with the east, through the two great overland routes terminating in that city. In a few months the Northern Pacific will have completed a direct route to the