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DESCRIPTIVE REPORT.

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LOCALITY:

*Chesapeake Bay, Eastern  
shore, Cape Charles &  
vicinity*

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Descriptive Report. Topographic Sheet.  
Chesapeake Bay. From near Butler's Bluff to Cape Charles

This sheet was surveyed in March 1905. The area shown is flat and well wooded. Approximately 50% of the land is cultivated. The original forest growth has been almost entirely cut away, second growth pine, hickory, oak and gum are comprised in the forest growth. The farming is almost entirely trucking - potatoes, cabbage and corn are the principal products.

The recession of the shore line is approximately one metre per year. In the vicinity of Fishermans Island and the Isaacs there is a great change in contour and area. The Isaacs have completely changed their position and contour. There is no vegetation on the Isaacs, it now being merely a shifting sand bank.

There are sand dunes from 15 to 60 feet in height. They are shifting slowly in a line normal to the general trend of the coast. Butler's Bluff shows a continuous smooth face about twenty feet in height. There are no indications of fresh water in gullies along its face or at its base.

There are no summer or other resorts on the sheets.

The towns are very small, population less than 100. There is a shooting lodge on Long Point Island which is open for guests during the winter season.

A sawmill and barrel factory is operated at Leapeville - this is the only manufacturing industry noted.

The raising of trucks has materially increased the prosperity of the community. Pound fishing and seining are extensive. There is oyster planting.

The sand bars between Fisherman and Smiths Islands are prolific in producing clams.

E. Blanton Chief of P.O.

Leape Charles Va. March 1905

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