

184. He says: "In Mr. J. N. Wallace's 'The Wintering Partners of Peace River (Ottawa, 1929) the suggestion is made (p. 66) that if Simon Fraser the explorer joined the North West Company in 1792 at the age of sixteen, then there must have been two Simon Frasers in the Northwest Company at that time." Evidence of a convincing nature is then assembled to establish the fact. There is now a need for watchfulness on the part of historians to avoid the confusion. It seems clear that the older Simon Fraser had no contact with the Pacific Northwest.

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At the December, 1932, meeting, a decision important to the States of Washington and Oregon was rendered as follows:

"Vancouver: point (Point Vancouver), on north shore of the Columbia River, Clark County, Wash., situated in 1792 in approx. lat. $45^{\circ} 33.1' N.$, long. $122^{\circ} 16.3' W.$ Historic name: The easternmost extremity or tangent of the north shore of the Columbia River as seen by Lieut. W. R. Broughton on October 30, 1792, from the landing place about two miles down stream at which he terminated his exploratory journey up the river. So named by Broughton in honor of Captain Vancouver."

In sending notice of the decision Secretary John J. Cameron adds: "The board's determination of the correct position of Point Vancouver is based on a special study made earlier this year. As of interest, I am enclosing copy of that report." The report is of interest as showing the care in examining all details involved in a case that has been greatly debated. It is signed by Captain Raymond Stanton Patton who has had long experience with the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, of which service he has been Director since April 29, 1929.

The Board has issued *First Report on Foreign Geographic Names* after four years of study by a special committee. It is a difficult field of work. The need for it has been insistent as expressed by Government departments, private publishers, students and business houses. The pamphlet of 113 pages is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C., at ten cents.

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