

of so crooked a lake as the Vieux Desert; he also pointed out that both the Montreal and Menomonee are filled with islands, many of them of great size, while in both rivers there are numerous channels of equal capacity, and suggested that the official description be so changed as to give one-half of these islands to Michigan and the rest to Wisconsin, to specify a particular channel in each of the rivers, and also to establish some point in the lake that could be easily determined—for instance, the highest point of Middle island; he likewise suggested that some particular channel in Green bay should be named—for, owing to the islands in that body of water, there are several ship channels, none of which can be properly designated as “the most usual.” In short, he made it clear that a more specific description was essential, or there might be never-ending contention over the matter. While asking for a sufficient appropriation to properly complete his work the following season, Captain Cram recommended that the description of the boundary be amended so as to read as follows, the object being to equitably divide the islands and to allow of a line that “could be run without any material difficulty:”

“To the mouth of Montreal river (of Lake Superior); thence (in ascending) through the center of the extreme right-hand channel that the said Montreal river may be found to have, as far up the same as where the said channel shall be found to be intersected by a direct line drawn from the highest point of ground on Middle island of Lake Vieux Desert north, — degrees west; thence (from the said intersection), along the just-described direct line, to the said point of Middle island; thence (from the said point of Middle island) in a direct line to the center of the channel of the outlet of Lac Brulé;<sup>1</sup> thence following the center of the extreme left-hand channel of Brulé river (Wesacotasepe) down to the middle of the channel of the Menomonee river; thence following the center of the extreme right-hand channel of the Menomonee river, down the same, to the head of Pemene falls; thence following the center of the extreme left-hand

<sup>1</sup> The headwater of the Brulé river, which is “that head of the Menomonee river nearest to the Lake of the Desert.”