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Features of Lahaina; Situation
and Deeds of its Native Sons.

Lahaina is one of the largest towns of the Hawaiian kingdom, the second largest. It is a place where plants that delight the palate grow in profusion, such as coconuts, breadfruit, banana, sugar cane, sweet potato and yam. So, also, those that were introduced from foreign countries such as the wi, mango, gooseberry, algeroba, monkeypod and others.

Its features--It is screened by a long mountain, Lihau-wai-'eke'eke-i-ka-lani, whose lehua blossoms were worn in leis by our youths in Lahaina's noted days. It is also surrounded by four islands, by Moloka'i, island of Hina, on the northwest, Lana'i on the southwest, Kahoolawe and Molokini on the south. Lahaina stands calm, sheltered on both sides. Because of its being surrounded by other islands, it was given the name of Na-hono-a-Piilani (The -lands-of-Piilani). It seems that this town has three names; Lele was the old name; Lahaina, a new one and Na-hono-a-Piilani was one since former times.

Lahaina is refreshed by its customary breezes. The Kaomi comes from the space between Moloka'i and Ka'anapali; the Ma'a'a, from between Lana'i and Kaho'olawe; the Hau, from the mountain, at night; the Moa'e, from between Kahoolawe and Molokini; and the Huli-alo-pali from 'A'alaloloa. When one comes moaning along at Kanaha, before the face of the cliff and fortress of Kahiki, that wind is the Kaua'ula. When the cold pierces like the points of spears, from a wind that comes from the north by way of Mauna-ho'omaha, it is the Ho'olua wind. If it is directly from Hua'i-ka-weo, the wind is an Imihau.

If the wind blows recklessly, from directly in front of Lahaina, that is the Kona. These are the customary winds, the Ma'a'a, Kaomi, Moa'e and Hau. The winds that blow occasionally are the Kaua'ula, the Imihau, the Ho'olua and the Kona. If a gentle sea breeze, like the Ma'a'a blows at night, that

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wind is the Ululoa. It is kapu to go on the sandy shores of Lahaina then, lest one encounter the procession of ghosts, the marchers of the night, according to the old folks.

Where the waves break nicely, there is the surf of Uo where surfing was practised. It was the most famous of surfs. The rougher surfs, 'A'aka and Hauola are on either side of Keawaiki, the landing place for the wharf boats and boats from other places.

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