

Township No. 13.—The south-easterly portion—about two-thirds of the township—is chiefly open prairie of the very best description. The soil is composed of a black vegetable mould, from eight to twelve inches deep, with a subsoil of clay and gravelly loam, and cannot be surpassed for richness. The north-west part is principally level; the soil a gravelly loam, and somewhat stony in places. It is thickly covered with bluffs of poplar and clumps of large willows and alders.

Township No. 14.—This township is for the most part level prairie. An extensive marsh runs through its length from south to north, through which a stream runs, generally called Jack Fish Creek.

On the south-west there is a good deal of poplar, a large portion of which is fit for building purposes. There are some small islands of poplar on some of the prairie land.

The soil is generally loam mixed with clay.

THIRD RANGE EAST OF PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

Township No. 2.—Is generally low and drained by the Roseaux River, a fine stream having an average width of one chain, and a depth varying from eighteen inches to four feet, frequently even ten feet.

That portion of the township to the north of said river has a very rich soil, heavily covered with undergrowth of willow, poplar, oak &c. [The sections adjoining the river are in general very desirable locations for intending settlers, being well timbered with oak, poplar, elm, basswood &c.

The greater portion of the township to the south of the river is low, with a luxuriant growth of grass well adapted for stock raising.

No timber except on those sections along the river.

The soil is clay loam, and exhibits indications of being wet during the early part of the season.

Township No. 3.—Is of excellent quality for agricultural purposes. It is quite dry, and gradually slopes towards the Roseaux River. The soil is black loam, and the subsoil blue clay.

Large sized oak, elm and ash fringes the banks of the Roseaux River, the water of which is fresh and clear.

The general surface of the township is level prairie. The east and north-east portions are open. The remainder is densely covered with small poplars and willows from 5 to 7 feet in height.

Township No. 4.—May be considered first-class agricultural land. It has a deep black loam top soil, and a blue clay sub soil.

The south-west sections are covered with a thick growth of scrub, poplar, and oak. The Wetweather Creek in the south-west part of the township contained in several places on the 2nd July, good, clear, fresh water. Good water can be obtained in nearly any part by digging.

Township No. 5.—Is not well adapted for agricultural purposes. Low marshy ground stripped of all kinds of timber, cover one half thereof.

The River aux Marais or Marsh River runs through the western sections numbered 7, 18, 19, 30 and 31, which, with the adjacent sections 20, 17, 32, 29 and 8, may be said to be of a very good soil.

Oak, elm and poplar timber are to be found along the river.

Township No. 6.—Generally an excellent soil for agricultural purposes. The sections numbered 25, 36, 26, 35, 27, 34, 23, 29, 32, 30, 19, 18 and 17 are covered with timber consisting of oak, ash, elm and poplar, the last predominating. Several small groves of oak and poplar are to be found in a few other sections. Rat River flows from the south-east to the north-west of this township.

The surface is very level, and contains generally fine rolling prairie land.

Township No. 7.—Is well suited for agricultural purposes. It is wooded in the south and along the bank of Rat River.