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a few places, while throughout the greater portion of the country the soil is clay or clay loam, overlying which is a layer of vegetable matter several inches in thickness on the higher lands, and from one to three feet thick on the wet land; and evidently this soil is well adapted for agriculture. . . . On the whole about sixty per cent of the total area will be good agricultural land after removal of the timber, and nearly all of the balance can be made good farming land by a system of drainage which will not be very expensive, as no drain would require to be of any great length to reach an outlet in a stream.

P. 86. (Colquhoun township). The area covered by this township consists largely of fine agricultural land, of a sufficiently rolling character to afford effectual drainage.

Pp. 94, 95. (Kendrey township). The whole township may be described as more or less rolling in character, timbered with spruce (white and black) up to sixteen inches in diameter, poplar, (white and black) up to twenty inches in diameter, white birch, balsam and cedar up to ten inches in diameter with considerable wind-fall, willow and alder throughout. Numerous swamps of limited extent and covered with small spruce, occur in various parts. There is not more than one hundred and fifty acres of muskeg in the whole township. . . . I consider fully sixty-five per cent suitable for immediate settlement and with a proper system of drainage nearly all the remaining thirty-five per cent can be made suitable for agriculture.

Pp. 63, 64, 1908. (Haggart township). The whole township of Haggart may be described as a more or less rolling country timbered with spruce up to eighteen inches in diameter, balsam of gilead up to twenty-five inches in diameter, poplar, white birch, balsam and cedar of an average size and quality. . . . I would consider about fifty-five per cent of this township suitable for immediate settlement, and there can be no doubt that by a proper drainage of the swamps nearly all the remainder can be made suitable for agriculture.