

A Prairie Country.—There is in the Pouce Coupe Valley a fairly open prairie approximately twenty miles north to south by twelve miles east to west. On this prairie the average homesteader can plough 100 acres with practically no clearing, or at the most very light clearing. The open land is covered with natural prairie-grasses and some little vetch and peavine.

Topography.—The land is of a rolling character, with gentle slopes to the banks of the creeks, but these banks are always steep and high. It is characteristic of the Peace River country that wherever a river or creek is found the adjacent plateau is anywhere between 100 and 800 feet above the bed of the river or creek. This fact tends to make road-building a real problem.



Looking north over Saskatoon Creek, Pouce Coupe Prairie, Peace River Block, B.C.



Looking towards Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe Valley, Peace River Block, B.C.

Natural Growth.—The rolling prairie is bounded on the south and west by a series of low hills, some of which are bare, but most of them are thickly covered with timber, mainly poplar from 4 to 10 inches in diameter. There is also some spruce and willow. The soil on these hills is for the most part good.

Soil.—The soil in the Pouce Coupe District is good, there being 2 to 6 inches of rich black loam found over from 1 to 2 feet of clay loam. This in turn is underlaid with 20 feet or more of clay. Comparatively few stones are found.