

Now we embark on a broad rolling river which flows steadily westward for 1 mile and a half when it turns sharply north in a racy rapid through which your bark is carried at railway speed for another mile, and then you come calmly to rest in a broad expanse, studded with long islands.

From here to lake Waswanipy, a distance of 26 miles, descending, there is nothing very remarkable in the river or in the country on either side. The river keeps its average width of about 10 chains, or 660 feet, except in a few places, where it is contracted by rapids or broadened out by large islands, as shown on the plan

Most of the country here has been overrun by fire many years ago and is now well covered with poplar and *boulean* on the level clay flats and occasionally spruce and Banksian pine on the drier elevated ridges.

On approaching lake Waswanipy, the shores flatten out in level clayey plains, and the river spreads off in channels, forming several large islands, some of which are covered with a luxuriant growth of blue joint grass, which serve as meadow and pasture land for the Hudson Bay Company.

On one of the islands here overlooking the lake is situated the H. B. Co's post of Waswanipy, already described in a previous report.

SECTION No 3.

FROM WASWANIPY TO LAKE NEMISKOW.

For about five miles below the discharge of lake Waswanipy, the river runs due north, spreading out in divers channels through a level clayey plain, forming several large islands well wooded with spruce, fir and tamarac. The latter timber is mostly dry from the ravages of the saw fly.

At the end of the latter distance, the river turns westward and flows nearly due west for a distance of twelve and a half miles to where it empties into Gull lake.

On the latter stretch, the current is generally swift, with one long shallow rapid about midway between the two lakes.

These rapids are easily run or tracked or poled up with ordinary loaded canoes.