

TOWNSHIPS WEST OF SECOND INITIAL MERIDIAN.

RANGE I.

1. *Outlines*.—North and west—rolling prairie, with a black gravelly loam soil; class 1. There is a large marsh in the west of Section 31, and small ones occur on nearly every section, but the land is generally dry and there is no wood.—*T. S. Gore*, 1881.

The east is undulating and broken, and the south is rolling; class 2 all round. Water is scarce, generally. There is a creek on Section 4. There is no wood.—*W. Pearce*, 1880.

Sub-division.—Undulating prairie, broken by occasional ravines. The soil generally is good, although stony in places. Water is abundant and good.—*Sinclair and Francis*, 1881.

2. *Outlines*.—North and east—generally all rolling prairie, with a fair, class 2 soil. The Souris River crosses the north of the township by a circuitous route, and along its course there are numbers of ravines entering the valley. In several places along the river there are elm and maple trees, and in some of the adjoining ravines there is small poplar. The width of the river is about 35 yards. Across Section 34 there flows a creek, fringed with poplar and willow.—*W. Pearce*, 1880.

The country along the west line is mostly rolling prairie, with a black gravelly loam soil; class 1. Section 30, however, lies within the valley of the Souris River, which is over a mile in width and wooded along the bottom with maple, oak, poplar and elm. The stream varies from 50 to 100 feet wide. The portion of Section 19 adjoining the river valley has also a broken surface, and, together with Section 30, rates class 2.—*T. S. Gore*, 1881.

Sub-division.—This township is composed of prairie, with a good many hay meadows, and is suitable for agriculture, especially in the southern portion. The north-western and north-eastern corners of the township are somewhat broken by the River Souris and by ravines running from it. The soil is a light clay loam. Water is plentiful and grass very luxuriant. There is a fair supply of wood fit for fuel along the river.—*A. L. Poudrier*, 1881.

3. *Outlines*.—The north is prairie, with a few small marshes. Soil, a good black loam. No wood. The west is rolling and undulating. As far south as the middle of Section 18 the land rates class 2, the soil being chiefly gravelly loam, but on Section 31 it is clay loam with a gravelly subsoil. Small marshes occur at intervals along this portion of the line. The balance of the land is stony, dry, and rates class 3. The south is generally rolling prairie, class 3. Toward the east it is very stony. The Souris River is crossed on the west half of Section 1, flowing south, and again near the east limit of 4. flowing north; its average width is 50 yards, and the banks are wooded with oak, ash, elm and poplar.—*T. S. Gore*, 1881.