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PLATE 8.—Sawridge, Alta. (East End of Lesser Slave Lake).

At the east end of Lesser Slave lake there are some nine square miles of valuable meadow or prairie land. This area was once muskeg or willow swales, which repeated fires have transformed into prairie. A couple of patches of merchantable timber occur in this district. There is a ridge about six miles long by half a mile wide, some three miles southwest from Mirror landing, which contains scattered spruce and poplar. There will be altogether about fifteen million feet, board measure, here. This timber can be hauled in winter over the muskeg either to Mirror landing or to the Athabaska river two miles east.

There is also a small patch of tie timber about one mile southwest from Mirror landing. This has only 5,000 ties, but it is so convenient that it is valuable.

Small scattered areas of spruce occur in flats formed by bends of Lesser Slave river along the lower fifteen miles of its course. These will total 100 acres, averaging 10,000 feet, board measure, per acre, or 1,000,000 feet, board measure, in all.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF TIMBER.

Type.	Area.	AVERAGE PER ACRE.			TOTALS FOR DISTRICT.		
		Ties.	Cord-wood.	Timber.	Ties.	Pulp-wood.	Timber.
	Acres.	Pieces.	Cords.	Ft. B.M.	Pieces.	Cords.	Ft. B.M.
Jack Pine.	100	50	.....	.....	5,000	.....	.....
Spruce.	100	.....	.....	10,000	.....	.....	1,000,000
	750	.....	.....	2,000	.....	.....	1,500,000
					5,000	.....	2,500,000