

*Township No. 14.*—Consists of groves of poplar, and glades of prairie. The prairie and bush are about equally divided : A large portion of the latter has been killed by fire. The soil is dry and of average quality ; a gravel ridge extends along the northern tier of sections, the soil in which is light and sandy.

At the foot of the ridge the soil is stony. From about one mile south of the ridge to the Base Line the soil is of good quality.

Good water can be obtained by digging wells.

*Township No. 15.*—About two-thirds of this township are good land for settlement. Scattered groves of small poplar woods occur fit for fencing and fuel but none of sufficient size to be of value for building.

In the vicinity of Shoal Lake a few stony ridges are to be met with. The lake mentioned is of slightly brackish water but not known to be unwholesome.

*Township No. 16.*—The greater part of this township is suited for settlement. The northern portions are more or less thickly wooded with poplar. The smallness of the trees met with restricts their use for the present to fencing and fuel.

Stony patches or ridges occur in a few places.

*Township No. 17.*—Is suitable for settlement, having, with the exception of a few stony ridges, a good soil for cultivation, and is well supplied with wood for fencing and fuel.

The surface is undulating, in some of the low grounds hay marshes occur.

#### SECOND RANGE WEST OF PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

*Township No. 2.*—This township is prairie. Soil good. Surface water to be had in gullies.

*Township No. 3.*—This township is all prairie. In the north-eastern and north-western portions it is low and flat, with a heavy clay soil, which forms excellent hay land. The west part of the township is high, with a rich clay loam, and is well watered. In the east part of the township there is a fine body of water, with good high land surrounding it.

*Township No. 4.*—This township is wholly prairie. The northern tier of sections are low and flat, the remainder is rolling land with rich clay loam.

There is no running water in the township.

*Township No. 5.*—Is prairie land, well adapted for agricultural purposes. The land throughout is very level. There being no gullies to drain the surface water it gathers in low places which make good hay land.

There is no timber in this township for fencing, building, or fuel.

The land is clear of stones.

*Township No. 6.*—Is a clear open prairie of very good quality, and well adapted for agricultural purposes. The soil is a black mould with a clay or loamy clay sub soil. There is no timber in the township, the nearest bush being some three miles to the westward.

*Township No. 7.*—About two-thirds of this township is occupied by the great hay marsh, over which the waters of the Rivière Islets de Bois must pass in spring to reach and be discharged by the Scratching River, which may be said to take its rise in this marsh.

There are but few spots which are not solid prairie soil, and oxen have been driven with heavy loads in every direction over the marsh without difficulty.

The soil is very rich, and produces a fine clean growth of grass from two to five feet in height at full growth.

If a channel were cut for the water from where the Rivière aux Islets de Bois enters the marsh to the Scratching River, these lands would become sufficiently dry for all purposes.

In the south-west angle of this township, there is one block of about eight square miles of beautiful high rolling prairie with an excellent sandy loam soil.