

After traversing the Township of Widdifield, on the north-east shore of Lake Nipissing, the land descends gradually to the north, showing a level country of hardwood timber, with here and there some rock, and generally a good loamy soil.

Turning east, between townships 17 and 18,* on the nineteenth mile from the boundary of Springer, the country is flat in some places, but generally undulating, with fair soil. From the twenty-first to the forty-fourth mile on this line, there is a good tract of country with rolling land and good soil, fit for farming purposes, the timber being chiefly maple and black birch, of large growth and good quality, with some good scattering pine.

The Township of Widdifield (No. 17) is nearly all good hardwood land, and is by far the best township in this section of the country. Finer hardwood bush is rarely seen. There are a few bass-wood trees, iron-wood in some places, and a grove of beech on the east boundary, a few miles north of Trout Lake.

Townships 22, 23, 27 and 28, contain a large percentage of good land, with considerable pine.

Townships 1, 5, 9, 13 and 18 also contain a fair percentage of good land, with very little pine. The timber is chiefly balsam, spruce, birch, with occasional patches of hardwood.

The Jocko River runs eastward through a fine tract of country to the River Ottawa.

Sturgeon River, emptying into Lake Nipissing, is a fine deep stream, having an average breadth of six chains to the first fall, about six miles from its mouth.

The Veuve, or Widow River, empties into Lake Nipissing, about four miles west of Sturgeon River.

Lake Nipissing lies immediately above the 46th parallel of latitude, and across the 80th of longitude. In form it is very irregular, but has an extreme length, east and west, of about forty miles, and a maximum breadth, north and south, of about twenty miles. Its area in round numbers is about 300 square miles.

*These numbers have reference to an exploration made by the Department of Crown Lands in 1882, and are applied to townships lying east of the Township of Springer and the Indian Reserve, which, with the exception of Widdifield, have been outlined, but not surveyed or named.