

## COMMISSION OF CONSERVATION

**P. 75.** (Ottaway township). The greater portion will require drainage which will be easily accomplished owing to a fair general fall. The heavy moss now covering the country retards the flow of water and when this is removed there will be a good natural drainage not apparent at present. . . . The sizes (of the timber) run from five to ten inches and in places to 15 and 18 inches.

**P. 101.** (Lennox township). With a moderate amount of drainage, practically the whole of this township will be available for agricultural or pasturage purposes. . . . The timber in the eastern and western parts of the township is principally spruce of good quality and fair size.

**P. 99.** (Dargavel township). The township, on the whole, is a fairly good one and with a moderate amount of drainage practically the whole of it can be utilized for agricultural purposes.

**P. 79, 1908.** (Mabee township). The land is of a good quality of clay, showing some tendency to gravel on the poplar ridges, and is overlaid with muck in certain swampy sections. . . . It is not heavily timbered, but there is no brulé and with the exception of a few small poplar ridges, spruce is found in varying size and quality over the whole township.

**P. 67.** (Laidlaw township). The soil of the township is clay of good quality except in the extreme southwest corner, where it is sandy. . . . The timber is chiefly spruce, but the higher ground is covered with poplar, balm of gilead, birch and balsam. These poplar ridges are very numerous over the whole of the township.

**Pp. 124, 125, 1907.** (Kennedy township). The greater part of the township is timbered with small spruce averaging from four to eight inches in diameter. . . . The soil is chiefly a light coloured solid clay, which is almost entirely covered by moss varying from six inches in depth on the high land, to unknown depths in the muskeg, the greater part averaging two feet in depth.

**P. 118.** (Glackmeyer township). There is a very little muskeg, and nearly ninety per cent of the township will be good agricultural land.

**P. 52, 1906.** (Clute township)\* About fifteen per cent consists of swamp or muskeg, and the remaining eighty-five per cent of the land may be classed as good agricultural land.

**P. 43.** (Calder township). The soil is uniformly of excellent quality, being clay and clay loam with generally a light deposit of black mould, and in the lower lands a considerable peaty deposit

\*Concerning the township of Clute the following statement made by a contented homesteader is of interest. He claims that the estimate of 10 to 15 per cent of saw timber given on page 8, is, in so far as Clute is concerned, rather high; that by close picking 35 to 40 per cent of the land will furnish pulpwood. Along the river it might average ten cords. While there is no real muskeg in the township, there is much low scrub land where the clay is six feet below the surface and where little can be done with the land until it is well drained. With reference to the cost of clearing the land this settler stated that "much of the land cannot be cleared even for \$75.00 per acre, and the low black spruce land has to lie for a year exposed to the sun before it will burn."