

RANGE XVI WEST.

Location of
Townships.

- E.** *Township No. 1.*—Is entirely composed of Prairie, and totally devoid of timber. The soil generally sandy loam, tolerably good and suitable for cultivation, but the township as a whole is better adapted for stock raising.
- E.** *Township No. 2.*—The character of the land is generally the same as Township No. 1 in the same range. There are a few narrow belts of scattered oak timber along the banks of Long River, which flows through the township. It is also watered by several other small streams, and water can be had in almost any part by digging.
- D.** *Township No. 5.*—Is traversed from the south-east to the north-west corners by a gravelly ridge while "Pelican Lake" (a large body of water slightly alkaline) occupies the south-west quarter of the township. The belt of land lying between the ridge before mentioned and the lake, is of excellent quality, soil of a fine sandy loam and well supplied with good fresh water, and timber for fuel and fencing. In the remaining portion of the township the soil is of an inferior quality.
- C. D.** *Township No. 6.*—Contains no good farming land. The south part is very undulating, and much broken by marshes. North half the soil is hard and dry, and in many places covered with boulders. In south-west corner there are some fine bluffs of poplar, suitable for fuel and fencing. There are three small lakes, but all of an alkaline nature.
- C.** *Township No. 7.*—Is chiefly rolling prairie, with soil of a rich clay loam, well watered by the "Souris River" in the north-west part and "Oak Creek" in the north-east. In the north-east portion of the township there is a small quantity of timber, (chiefly spruce), suitable for sawn lumber, and also a small quantity on the banks of the "Souris River" and "Oak Creek." The township on the whole offers many attractions to the settler.
- C.** *Township No. 8.*—That part lying north of the Assiniboine River is generally rolling land, with scattered oak and poplar timber, and willow and poplar scrub. In the north-east part, there are some low sand hills covered with spruce, oak and poplar timber, nearly all of which would be suitable for sawn lumber. South of the Assiniboine the land is for the most part rolling prairie, with soil of a rich clay loam, and excellent for agricultural purposes. It is well watered by the Assiniboine and Souris Rivers, which form a junction in this township. The water in both these streams is excellent, and abounds with fish of different kinds. There is a quantity of timber suitable for fencing and fuel scattered throughout the township.
- There are a few settlers in the township.