

Township No. 14.—The surface is undulating prairie, and the soil good. There are few small bluffs of poplar. Alkaline lakes are numerous. Good water may be had by sinking a few feet. There are some fresh water ponds and numerous small meadows. It is a fair township for settlement.

Township No. 15.—Is first-class rolling prairie, well watered with small lakes, and has a considerable quantity of poplar on the south-east corner.

Township No. 16.—The surface, soil, and timber are the same as the preceding township, but it is not well watered except in the northerly part, which is traversed by the Little Saskatchewan River.

RANGE XXI—WEST.

Township No. 11.—The general surface is very hilly and broken by the valleys of the Assiniboine and Little Saskatchewan Rivers, which traverse the township. The soil in the bottoms is of a rich quality, but a good deal of the uplands is stony. The River Assiniboine is on an average three chains wide, in some places deep and in others too shallow for large boats. The current is very slow. The valley in some places is about three miles wide. The Little Saskatchewan is about one chain in width, with a very strong current, affording some good mill sites. The banks are very steep, and many places over 100 feet high. The only timber is along the banks of the rivers, and the greater part of that is small.

Township No. 12.—The general surface of the northern and western parts is level prairie. The south-eastern part is broken by the Little Saskatchewan River, which presents many good mill sites, as its current is very rapid, and it has a large supply of water. The soil on the banks of the river is very stony, but in the northern part of the township it is good deep loam. There is a little timber along the banks of the river.

Townships Nos. 13 and 14.—The soil is first-class. About one-third of each township is timbered with poplar. The residue is prairie and is well watered by ponds and marsh springs.

Townships Nos. 15 and 16.—The surface is undulating prairie, the soil rather gravelly. Small patches of brush are very frequent, and there are several clumps of dry poplar and willow. Swamps are numerous, but small. The main cart trail to Fort Ellice crosses the northern part of the township. There is a pond of good water in section thirty-four.

RANGE XXII—WEST.

Township No. 11.—The surface is generally prairie. The northern part is broken by deep ravines; in the middle there is a level flat, about one mile in width; and the southern part is a broken, stony prairie. The soil is very good, being a black loam, especially on the level flat, where it is deep and rich. It is well watered, nearly all the ravines containing water in springs and swamps. There is some very good poplar in the western sections, and some elm, oak, and ash on the banks of the Assiniboine River, which flows through the south-east corner of the township.

Township No. 12.—The surface is generally prairie, broken by deep ravines. The timber is dead and green poplar, a small quantity of which may be used for fencing, which is situated in the bottoms of the ravines. The soil is a good dark loam. Oak River, a stream about ten feet wide and one foot deep, traverses the township; but the water is dead, standing in ponds along the bed of the stream. Water may be had in any of the ravines by sinking from eight to ten feet.

Townships Nos. 13 and 14.—Are well wooded and watered. The timber is poplar, large enough for building purposes. The greater part of the surface is rolling prairie, the timber being scattered over it in small clumps. The soil is excellent. A creek runs diagonally across the township.

Township No. 15.—Is principally prairie, with good soil, although gravelly in places. In some places there are small islands of poplar. There are numerous and good hay swamps. Oak River flows through the south-westerly part of the township, in a stony valley.