

NORTHERN.

There is no agricultural land of any consequence north of Moose lake for many miles. The country consists of numerous ridges of boulder-clay and gravel, with muskegs between. Most of these hammocky ridges are bare from numerous fires. Altogether this land is in very bad condition. If not soon taken care of, reforestation, for a hundred years at least, will be impossible.

This region is composed entirely of the height-of-land type, excepting for a narrow strip of poplar along the north shore of Moose lake. Further west toward the Driftwood River divide, and extending many miles north, is an unburned area of the same height-of-land type. The Driftwood River watershed is over 50 per cent burnt. The transition from the valley proper to the surrounding general level is very gradual. The valley is wide and very shallow and floored with muskeg and scattered pine ridges.

The height-of-land type surrounds this watershed on three sides, extending to the west to the rougher Martin Mountain country which rises from the general level by low ridges. Only two patches of timber occur in this region, one at the extreme east end of Moose lake and one about two miles northwest from the west end of the lake.

The former area is some two miles long by one quarter of a mile wide. There are, therefore, some 320 acres, which will run five thousand feet, board measure, per acre of small spruce, or 1,600,000 feet board measure, in all. The second area is small, some forty acres only. This runs 10,000 feet, board measure, per acre, or 400,000 feet, board measure, in all. This timber can be easily hauled to Moose lake and driven down Moose river to the Lesser Slave river.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF TIMBER.

Type	Area.	AVERAGE PER ACRE.			TOTALS FOR DISTRICT.		
		Ties.	Card-wood.	Timber.	Ties.	Pulp-wood.	Timber.
	Acres.	Pieces.	Cords.	Ft. B.M.	Pieces.	Cords.	Ft. B.M.
Poplar.....	60,000		7.2			432,000	
Jack Pine.....	105			20,000			2,100,000
Spruce.....	320	50		1,000	16,000		320,000
	320			5,000			1,600,000
	40			10,000			400,000
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					16,000	432,000	4,820,000

LESSER SLAVE RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT.

This district is taken to comprise those lands which are bounded on the west by Lesser Slave lake, on the north by the foot-hills of Martin Mountain and on the east by a line drawn from the west end of Moose lake to Mirror landing, and on the south by the southern limit of the great valley muskeg, that is to say, the beginnings of the foot-hills of the Swan Hills country.

This whole district is flat, and consists entirely of muskeg except for a narrow strip along the lower Lesser Slave river. In the muskeg are included small ridges of jack pine or poplar, mostly, however, burnt.