

Westbourne County in 1858.

Mr. Harry Youle Hind says of this Country:—"The prairie drained by White Mud River (now Westbourne River) is second only in beauty and fertility to the valley of the Rapid River (Little Saskatchewan River). Not only is the herbage of surprising luxuriance, but the trees in the river bottoms are of very large dimensions, and consist of oak, elm, ash, maple, aspen and poplar. The woods fringing the river at the crossing place are very important. The oak and elm are of the largest size—2 ft. to 2 ft. 6 in. in diameter—with tall, clean trunks. . . The hop and vine twine around the underbrush, and give a very attractive appearance to the belt of woods."