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## General View of old Tree Claim Plantation near Morden, Man.

Two of the other plantations situated in the vicinity of Morden are also reported as doing well. In one of these aspen alone was planted; in the other aspen and Balm of Gilead in about equal numbers. Where poplar alone was used (in a plantation of four acres) the average height attained, on moist sandy loam, was 39 feet, average diameter at two feet above the ground  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The trees here were set four by twelve feet apart, and all the young shoots and suckers kept out.

In the other one of the plantations referred to the trees had, on the average, reached a height of 35 feet, and an average diameter of four inches. The trees were originally planted ten feet apart each way. The number has since increased and they now number about

2,700 to the acre. No suckers were ever cut out. The Balm of Gilead appeared to have made the better growth. This plantation consisted of eight acres of sandy loam soil.

A fourth plantation, eight acres in size, on high sandy land, contained aspen trees only, originally set four feet apart each way. Here the average height was only 28 feet, and the average diameter at two feet above the ground  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. This lot has been for years used as a sheep pasture, and to this fact is attributed the comparatively poor showing it makes.

On the fifth claim all trees had been ploughed up and the ground planted to wheat.