

Area IV is nearest Swan river on the south side of Swan creek. It covers some 987 acres.

Area V is the smallest. It is about a quarter of a mile up-creek from Area IV. It has some 250 acres.

These areas, according to samples taken, run from 15,000 to 30,000 feet, board measure, per acre. Putting the general average at 15,000 feet, board measure, per acre, which will amply discount any defect or loss by windfall, we have:

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Area I	645 acres.....	9,675,000
" II	570 "	8,550,000
" III	595 "	8,925,000
" IV	987 "	14,800,000
" V	250 "	3,750,000
		46,000,000

This timber can be skidded into Swan creek and driven from there into Swan river, and thence to the lake, if desired. It is practically all within the boundary of the proposed Swan Hills Forest Reserve. I would recommend that it be left standing a while, for the purpose of supplying the future needs of the Swan River valley settlers. Great care will have to be taken, however, to keep fire out, as the debris of the 1910 fire forms a veritable fire-trap.

Water-power sufficient to drive a small mill can be obtained in Swan creek between three and four miles above Swan river, so that when the demand comes, this timber can be cut *in situ*. This is feasible because the Swan River settlement extends to the junction of Swan creek with Swan river. The farmers could haul lumber themselves from the mill to their farms.

Township 71, range 10, and township 71, range 11, west of the 5th Dominion meridian, have also timber. These areas are situated on the upper slopes of three hills forming the outer edge of the Swan Hills elevations.

The one nearest the Swan river is situated in or near section 9, township 71, range 10, west of the 5th meridian. The timber is on the northern slope of a spur-ridge running easterly to Swan river. It consists of spruce and poplar. The edge of the timber proper is not sharply defined, but gradually changes to poplar, giving a transition zone on either side.

The main area has some 320 acres, which will run 15,000 feet, board measure, per acre, or 4,800,000 feet in all. The transition areas will average 1,000 feet, board measure per acre, over 200 acres, or 200,000 feet, board measure, in all. This timber can be hauled to the Swan river along the north slope of the ridge east four to five miles.

About two miles northwest of this area is a round hill which has on its north-west side some 270 acres of heavy timber, spruce, balsam fir and poplar. This will run 10,000 feet, board measure, per acre, or 2,700,000 feet in all. East of it is a large area of scattered spruce and poplar about 1,000 feet, board measure, per acre over 600 acres, or 600,000 feet in all.

This timber can probably be taken out by an extension of the road required to get at the former area.

The principal timber of this region, however, lies to the west of these areas. It occupies a strip down the middle of township 71, range 11, west of the 5th meridian, the main body being towards the north end of the township principally in sections 27 and 34.

This main area lies on the north slope and at the foot of a ridge adjoining the head-waters of Giroux creek. The timber is spruce and balsam fir, poplar being very rare. It will run 15,000 feet, board measure, per acre over 2,180 acres, or 32,700,000 feet in all.