

Some good timber is still standing on the northern half; it is being rapidly destroyed year after year by fire.

Township No. 12 (South Half).—This township is covered with thick poplar and underbrush, some heavy oak and elm occurring on the banks of the River Sale and Mill Creek. A few hay meadows of no great extent run through this timber.

The timber, particularly on the northern portion of the township, has been much thinned for fencing, although a great deal is still standing which is fit for rails.

The land in this half of the township is of second-rate quality.

Township No. 13.—A very attractive township for settlement; the soil is excellent in quality, being a rich clay loam. Along the ridge in the northern part of the township is plenty of timber for fencing, fuel and building purposes. "Long Lake" affords an abundant supply of good water, and the meadow lands in the vicinity are extensive and good.

Township No. 14.—Is better adapted to grazing and stock-raising than to farming. The south and east portions are stony and gravelly; the north and west are free from stones and have a slightly deeper soil, while here and there there are many fine prairie glades.

The timber is mostly small poplar, and fit only for fencing purposes.

FIFTH RANGE WEST OF PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

Township No. 2.—This township is chiefly prairie soil, black loam. A belt of very fine oak, say thirty chains in width, runs through the southerly tier of sections in which are laid off twenty-six wood lots.

Township No. 3.—A belt of timber passes through this township. With this exception it is all prairie land.

Township No. 4.—Is prairie. There is no timber, but timber for settlement purposes could be brought from the slopes of the Pembina Mountains, which traverse the western townships of the block in which this township is situated.

Township No. 5.—The surface of this township is level. There are a few small patches of hay land and a few dry gullies. The soil is a very rich black loam. Tobacco Creek passes through the northern part of the township, running from west to east. The water is fresh.

The scattered trees and clumps along Tobacco Creek form the only timber to be found.

Township No. 6.—The surface of this township is generally level, with a slight inclination towards the Boyne River for about a mile and a half on either side of the river.

The soil is a black loam.

The township is well watered by the River Boyne passing through the centre, running from west to east.

The water is good and fresh.

The township is well wooded by a belt of mixed oak, elm and basswood, stretching through it on each side of the Boyne, with a width of from five to twenty chains.

Township No. 7.—The soil in this township is generally too sandy for good agricultural land.

The timber consists mainly of poplar, the best of which has, in most cases, been killed by fire. In places, however, some good oak and poplar wood are to be found.

Township No. 8.—The timber in this township is chiefly poplar, willow and scattered oak. The greater part of this timber is fit for building, fencing, &c.; a considerable quantity has been destroyed by fire.

Water is found in several places, but with the exception of that supplied by Elm Creek, it is generally very bad.

The soil is light and sandy.

There are some very good hay marshes.