

SCHEDULE K.

DESCRIPTIVE EXTRACTS FROM SURVEYORS' REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP SURVEYS IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA AND NORTH-WEST TERRITORY.

This appendix contains extracts from the Reports of the Township Surveyors in the Province of Manitoba and part of the North-West Territory adjoining, describing the nature of the surface, the kind and quality of the soil and timber, and the supply of water afforded by lakes, streams, and springs, and to be obtained by digging, with such other information respecting the fitness of the several townships for agricultural or lumbering operations as would aid the intending settler in selecting a suitable location.

The accompanying small map shews the position of the respective townships.

RANGE I—EAST OF THE PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

Township No. 1.—The soil consists of the best clay loam, and is very fertile, beautifully undulating. The only timber grows on the banks of the Rivière aux Maraïs. It is very limited in quantity. The surface is dry, but water can be easily obtained by digging a moderate depth.

Township No. 2.—Has a very good soil, and is well adapted for farming purposes. There is no running water in the township, but many parts of the north-western sections are low and marshy during the spring months. No timber is available nearer than the Red River, which is five or six miles distant from the centre of the township.

Township No. 3.—The soil all over this township is first class; it is of the very best kind for the production of all kinds of grain.

In this township there is no timber fit for building or other purposes; a plentiful supply of good water can readily be found.

Township No. 4.—The soil throughout this township is of the very best quality, and can favorably compare with the finest in the Province. There is, however, no timber which can be utilized.

Good water can be found in several places.

Township No. 5.—Is high dry land with a very rich soil. It is open prairie, with the exception of one poplar grove, in section No. 33, three-fourths of a mile long by one-fourth broad, and a few small patches of willows. The Rivière aux Gratiis runs in a south-eastern direction through the township.

Township No. 6.—The soil of this township cannot be surpassed for richness. Its surface is beautifully diversified with dry prairie, suitable for cultivation, and moist prairie producing a heavy growth of wild grass.

The Rivière aux Gratiis is the only stream in this township.

With the exception of a few willows in the south-west angle, and a small part of the poplar grove, which extends southward into Township No. 5, in the same range, it is entirely destitute of timber.

Township No. 7.—Is a beautiful plain, with a rich and productive soil, but totally devoid of timber and running water.

Township No. 8.—Has exceedingly fertile soil. A fine belt of oak and poplar timber fringes the Rivière Sale, a river so called from the smell, taste and appearance of its waters.

Township No. 9.—Is all prairie, with the exception of a few small bluffs of poplar and willow.

The land is high and of good quality.