

Adjoins the western shore of Shoal Lake.

*Township No. 17.*—Is well suited for settlement; has an undulating surface, good soil, and a fair supply of timber for fuel, fencing and such building as would require pieces of no great size.

Has no streams, but water can be obtained by digging.

FOURTH RANGE WEST OF PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,

*Township No. 2.*—This township is level prairie; soil, black loam. Two small islands of oak and black ash woods lie near the centre.

*Township No. 5.*—Is good land, with the exception of some 1,500 acres in the north-easterly portion of the township, which is swampy.

Through the centre runs a lasting stream of good water, along the banks of which there is some fine timber, such as oak, ash, maple and elm.

*Township No. 6.*—Every lot in this township is fit for settlement. The soil is a very deep black mould overlying white clay. The Boyne River flows across the north-westerly part of the township; the banks are about 12 feet high and the current about three miles per hour. A belt of good oak timber, intermixed with elm, poplar and bass-wood, averaging 12 inches diameter, extends along either bank of the river, having a width of from 10 to 20 chains. Another belt of oak timber, of the same quality and width extends in a south-easterly direction from section 28 to section 12. All the sections containing wood, as well as some of the adjacent prairie lots, have been taken up and more or less improvements made thereon. Very fine crops of wheat, barley and oats were raised here during the past season.

*Township No. 7.*—About 26 square miles of this township are beautiful undulating prairie, with sandy loam soil.

Wood is within a short distance of every part of the township.

Along the eastern margin is the Great Marsh, covering about seven sections. The marsh is here very wet and boggy, and overgrown with rushes. In summer cattle roam at liberty over the greater part of it, but it is not safe for loaded carts, especially near the mouth of the Rivière aux Islets du Bois.

*Township No. 8.*—The surface of this township is generally level, or slightly rolling. The soil is sandy loam, which allows the surface water to disappear early in the spring. Nearly all the township is suitable for cultivation, and sufficient wood for fuel and fencing is everywhere convenient.

*Township No. 9.*—This township consists partly of prairie land and partly of poplar bush. A large portion of the prairie land is of a low marshy character, covered with coarse rank grass, and having in places scattering willows and small poplar and oak groves. The poplar timber (which is found at the south-west corner of the township) is very small, and has been much destroyed by fire. The high land consists of a black loam.

*Township No. 10.*—A large portion of this township consists of low bottom prairie with tall rich grass and low wet marshes. The high prairie is generally of a fair quality, and has, in places, scattering willows and small poplars.

The township is traversed by a dry channel (near the north boundary) from three to four chains in width, having banks from six to eight feet high. The bed of this channel consists of black mud about 18 inches deep, and is grown up with tall grass. Clean fine sand underlies the mud, in which good clear water can be obtained. This dry channel is timbered on both banks with oak, poplar and elm; the timber, however, has been destroyed in some places by fire.

*Township No. 11.*—This ranks as a second-rate township. The northern half is covered with poplar, willow and underbrush; on the third mile south there is a heavy belt of poplar and oak. South of this the country is more open, and on the Third Correction Line, a large wet marsh exists, covered with long thick reeds.