

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOUR SURVEYED TOWNSHIPS TO THE
NORTHWEST OF LAKE WABIGOON, RAINY
RIVER DISTRICT.

TOWNSHIP OF VAN HORNE.

The township is in general rolling, with very few hills of over 100 feet high; frequent fires have overrun so that all the timber of value has been destroyed, except two small patches of spruce and tamarac in the southwest quarter, leaving parts of the township completely bare, but the larger portion is covered by a thick growth of small poplar, jack pine and birch.

The soil consists of a fine white or grey clay, with areas of sandy loam. This clay and loam is mostly in the northern and central parts and occupy about one-third of the township. They will, I think, make valuable farms, easy to make ready for the plow, as the ground is almost completely clear of timber. The balance of the township consists chiefly of rolling hills of rock with swamps intervening.

Sept. 11, 1895.

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TOWNSHIP OF RUGBY.

The S. and S.E. portion of the township is in general gently rolling with a few hills of rock; in the N. and N.W. it is in the greater part very rough, consisting chiefly of high hills of rock, with muskeg and small patches of clay. The soil consists of a fine white clay covering most of the S.E. portion, this is almost clear of timber and in most places can be easily made ready for the plow.

The township is well watered; there are six lakes, chiefly in the northern part; the largest, Pelican lake, occupies about 4 miles long in the N.E. corner, and extends a long way out of the township; the outlet of this lake is Pelican river, a sluggish stream about one chain wide by three feet deep with clay banks by which the water is much discolored; this river enters the township on the E. boundary of lot 1, concession II., and crosses lots 1 to 7 in concession 1., finally emptying into Wabigoon river in the township of Eton.

There is no timber of any value in the township, the south part has been completely burnt and the rest is covered by small dead second growth Jack pine, poplar, spruce and in general from 1 to 5 inches thick, very much decayed, so that a large number are blown down by every storm; the only exception to this is in a few swamps and muskegs, covered by green second growth and scrub.

Game was rather plentiful, a number of moose was seen and large numbers of partridges and pin tailed grouse.

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