

the year 1869, styled the "Principal Meridian," drawn northerly from the said forty-ninth parallel at a point ten miles, or thereabouts, westerly from Pembina.

Other governing or guide meridians.

6. In the territories east and west of Manitoba such other governing or guide meridians may be adopted and confirmed by the Governor in Council as may, from time to time, become expedient.

Townships to be 499 chains wide on the base lines

7. The townships shall be laid out the precise width of four hundred and eighty-nine chains, as aforesaid, on the base lines hereinafter mentioned, and the meridians between townships shall be drawn from such bases, north or south, to the depth of two townships, that is to say, to the correction lines hereinafter mentioned.

Base lines for townships.

8. The said forty-ninth parallel, or international boundary, shall be the first base line, or that for townships one and two. The second base line shall be between townships four and five, the third between townships eight and nine, the fourth between townships twelve and thirteen, the fifth between townships sixteen and seventeen, and so on northerly in regular succession.

Correction lines, what township lines to be.

9. The correction lines, or those upon which the "jog" resulting from the want of parallelism of meridians shall be allowed, will be as follows, that is to say:—on the line between townships two and three, on that between six and seven, on that between ten and eleven, and so on. In other words, they will be those township lines running east and west which are equi-distant from the bases, at the depth of two townships.

Division of sections.

10. Each section shall be divided into quarter-sections of one hundred and sixty acres, more or less, subject to the provisions hereinafter made.

Allowances for deficiency or surplus in survey of townships.

11. In the survey of any and every township, the deficiency or surplus, as the case may be, resulting from convergence or divergence of meridians shall be allowed in the range of quarter-sections adjoining the west boundary of the township, and the north and south error in closing on the correction lines from the north or south shall be allowed in the ranges of quarter-sections adjoining, and north or south respectively of the said correction lines.

Dimensions and area of irregular quarter sections, how to be returned.

12. The dimensions and area of irregular quarter-sections resulting from the provision in the next preceding clause, whether the same be deficient or in excess, shall, in all cases, be returned by the surveyor at their actual measurements and contents.