

timbered. The surface rises gently from the water's edge, and at the top of the bank the rock is exposed; this continues, however but a short distance, when it descends gradually, and for several miles to the eastward the soil is of good quality and deep, the surface rolling, and the timber fine and thrifty, maple, birch, cedar, elm and ash prevailing. Much good pine is also scattered through this section.

Westward of the river, or in rear of the Bruce Mines, the country is more broken and rugged. North and west from Desert Lake, the second of the chain, the coast is low and swampy for the distance of three-quarters of a mile, but in rear the surface rises gradually, and, though broken here and there by the rock ranges which form a marked feature in the topography of this country, affords a considerable extent of land fit for settlement, the soil being deep and rich, and the timber principally hardwood.

North and east from Lake Deception, the third of the series, there are extensive tracts of excellent land, timbered chiefly with hardwood; these tracts extend eastward to the Mississauga, and southward to within two miles of the coast of Lake Huron.

The Mississauga River, entering Lake Huron about thirty miles eastward of Point Thessalon is, at its entrance into the lake, a fine broad stream, with a considerable depth of water, and its mouth being protected eastward by several islands affords a safe and commodious harbour. The navigation is, however, impeded four miles from its mouth, where a rock range, crossing the river, forms a fall of five feet.

At the mouth of the river the land is low and swampy, but the surface rises gradually, and at the distance of one and a half miles from the lake the banks on both sides are high, and the soil and timber of good quality, the former being a rich red sand with a subsoil of blue clay, and the latter consisting of birch, hard and soft maple, cedar, poplar, spruce, balsam, black and white ash, and elm.

Between the northerly limit of the Indian Reserve and Little White River, a south-west flowing tributary of the Mississauga, there is a tract of country of considerable extent fit for settlement. Northward of Little White River there is a fine block of land extending nearly to the Grand Portage, and stretching to the eastward for a considerable distance.

The Blind River, forming the eastern limit of the Indian Reserve, enters Lake Huron about four miles east of the Mississauga.