

VERMILION CREEK DISTRICT.

This district is bounded on the north by the Upper Saulteaux district, on the west by the Swan Hills district, on the south by the limit of survey and on the east by a line drawn southerly down the middle of range 5 from township 67.

The district is, on the whole, flat, but descends by gradual steps to the southeast. It is drained by several small creeks flowing easterly or southeasterly. The most important of these are Soda creek, Vermilion creek and Deep creek. The last-named forms the south limit of the district. The muskeg predominates over the ridges in the northern half of the district and vice versa to the south. At Deep creek comparatively dry land is reached. South of here is good land to the Athabaska river.

No agricultural land occurs in this district, although it is bounded on the south-east by poplar country; fair land extends southerly to Athabaska river.

This district is covered entirely with the height-of-land type explained before, ridges of lodgepole pine surrounded by muskeg. The stand is young, spindly pole stuff, mostly under four inches in diameter at breast-height, and not capable of yielding even pulpwood yet. With the exception of three places along the Klondyke trail, no fires have occurred in this country for many years.

Some five square miles in the northwest corner of the district in township 67, range 8, west of the fifth Dominion meridian, have been burnt recently. Three square miles have been burnt in township 65, range 7, west of 5th meridian, and a considerable area (some twelve square miles) along Deep creek, at the south end of the district, in township 65, range 6, west of the 5th meridian. Good reproduction of lodgepole pine occurs on these last two burns. No pulpwood, cordwood, tie-timber, or saw-timber occurs in this district.