

1876 Extracts from Deputy Provincial Surveyor John McNaughton's Field Notes of Lands Surveyed in the vicinity of Muskrat Lake and Ottawa River. McNaughton's notes include a comprehensive inventory of trees and terrain in the Lots 1 to 5 in the 4th and 5th Concession which lay either side of the Beachburg Road. At Lot 3 he writes these entries as he measures the chain lengths moving through the forest: "white pine, maple birch. Ash elm with some basswood, with some maple, beech & birch, white pine, maple basswood and some elm, with an elm post." He then moves to taking a line between Lots 5 & 6 of Concession 1 & 2. This brings McNaughton down to the shore of Muskrat Lake which he notes "poplar with birch spruce to the edge of Muskrat Lake from 42 to 50, gently descending." These eye-witness reports of the state of the natural forests are one of the few descriptions in hand.

Extracts from D. P. Surveyor John McNaughton's Field Notes of Lands Surveyed in the Vicinity of Muskrat Lake and Ottawa River

Line between the 1st & 2nd 5th Concessions of Township No 1. from the Boundary Line between Townships Nos 18 & 22. '83

Lot.	Ch	Links	Remarks
		57	Road.
1	20	"	W. pine & maple with some birch and basswood.
	3	"	Gentle rising timber the same.
	3	"	No descending timber the same.
	4	"	Ash. Elm and Alder to creek cross easterly.
		68	Beaver meadow to
	30	68	an ash post.
2		10	Meadow.
		40	Alder
	2	50	Elm & Ash
	2	50	gentle rising timber W. pine maple basswood
	14	50	W. pine & maple with some birch - a black ash small. L. P.
	3	50	W. pine and maple
	1	50	erect spruce timber
			Ash & Elm
	5	68	W. pine maple birch shrub to
	30	68	an elm post.
3	8	"	W. pine maple shrub
	12	"	Ash. Elm & some basswood
	6	"	W. pine with some maple, birch & shrub
	12	68	W. pine maple basswood and some elm
	30	68	W. an elm post.

same line continued.

Lot	Ch.	Lks	Remarks.
4	12 18 30	.. 68 68	White pine and maple with some ash & Elm ash Elm Walnuts with some Spruce & pine
5	11 .. 5 5 50 50	W. pine maple Birch to a creek c. S. westerly Rising from creek White pine with some ash & alders white pine with some maple and basswood to a beech Stake. this line is run back a few chains further.



Road line between Lots 5 & 6 from
the Westw. line of Township 42
N. 32. 0 25 E.

Cons	Ch.	Lks	Remarks.
	..	50	Road
1 st	.. 5 2 3	45 50	Alders and Spruce to pine and Spruce Swamp. Birch & Spruce principally to pine Walnuts at 10. past timber Road
	2	..	Alders and Elm at 12. 33. crossed creek c. N. W.
	22	45	23 crossing Creek. principally to pine Walnuts. with some maple basswood and small to Oak. at 20 & 25 had some Norway pines.



2. 50.

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Road Line between Lots 5 & 6 from the Westing
 line of Township No 2. N 54.° 25' E - continued

Ch	Ln	Th	Remarks
1 st	2	50	10 pure Spruce elm & Ash
	3	50	Ash. elm & Spruce
	10	"	pure Ash. elm & Spruce
	3	"	passing on old boundary ^{boundary}
			timber ash. elm & Alder
	4	"	Elm. Ash Spruce & pure
			at 5 th 58 a small
			cross the County N.W.
	4	64	to & N. pure maple & basswood
	66	64	
	1	"	Road
2	3	50	10 & N. pure maple & basswood
	3	50	10 pure ash. elm & basswood
	5	50	10 & N. pure maple & basswood
			quellly rising
	13	50	Timber like same
	5	"	10 & N. pure ash & Spruce
	4	"	poplar ash. cedar & Spruce
	24	53	poplar to back & Spruce to the edge of Mustkrab Lake. from 42 to 50.
			quellly descending
	61	53	
	70	60	Crossing Mustkrab Lake.
Boundaries or monuments set and duly marked on the Road Line between Lots 5 & 6 in Township No 2.			

No. of posts		Description
Com.	Con.	
R	1 st	an ash post.
1 st	2	Three elm posts
		on elm trees on the bank or western shore of Muskrat Lake.
		a W. pine tree on the Eastern bank of Muskrat Lake.
1 st	2 nd	Seven Spruce posts.
2 nd	3 rd	A cedar & an ash post with five other posts.
3 rd	4 th	Seven hemlock posts
		on Sealup line near the western shore of Small Lake near the way of the 14 th Concession. Two Cedar posts.

Ex. 10

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