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## INTRODUCTION

Information on the ground-water resources of east-central Alberta and western Saskatchewan was collected, mostly in 1935, during the progress of geological investigations for oil and gas. The region studied extends from Edmonton in the west to Battleford in the east, and from township 32 on the south to township 59 in western Alberta, township 63 in eastern Alberta, and in part as far north as township 56 in western Saskatchewan.

This region is crossed by North Saskatchewan and Battle Rivers, and includes other more or less permanent streams. Most of the lakes within the area, however, are alkaline, and water is obtained in wells from two sources, namely, from water-bearing sands in surface or glacial deposits, and from sands in the underlying bedrock.

A division has been made in the well records, in so far as possible, between glacial and bedrock water-bearing sands. In investigations for oil and gas, however, the bedrock wells were used to trace the lateral extent of geological formations, with the result that the records deal more particularly with this type of well. No detailed studies were made of the glacial materials in relation to the water-supply, nor were the glacial deposits mapped adequately for this purpose. In almost all of the region investigated in Alberta, and in all but the northeast part of the region studied in Saskatchewan, water can be obtained from bedrock. In a few places, however, the water from the shallower bedrock sands is unsatisfactory, and deeper drilling may be necessary.

The water records were obtained mostly from the well owners, some of whom had acquired the land after the water supply had been found, and hence had no personal knowledge of the water-bearing beds that had been encountered in their wells. Also the elevations of the wells were taken by aneroid barometer and are, consequently, only approximate. In spite of these defects, however, it is hoped that the publication of these water records may prove of value to farmers, town authorities, and drillers in their efforts to obtain water supplies adequate for their needs.

In collecting this information several field parties were employed. These were under the direction of Professors R. L. Rutherford and P. S. Warren of the University of Alberta, C. H. Crickmay of Vancouver, and C. O. Hage, until recently a member of the Geological Survey. The oil and gas investigations of which these water records are a part were undertaken under the general supervision of G. S. Hume.

### Publication of Results

The essential information pertaining to ground-water conditions is being issued in reports that in Saskatchewan cover each municipality, and in Alberta cover each square block of sixteen townships beginning at the 4th meridian and lying between the correction lines. The secretary Treasurer of each municipality in Saskatchewan and Alberta will be supplied with the information covering that municipality. Copies of the reports will also be available for study at offices of the Provincial and Federal Government Departments. Further assistance in the interpretation of the reports may be obtained by applying to the Chief Geologist, Geological Survey, Ottawa. Technical terms used in the reports are defined in the glossary.

## How to Use the Report

Anyone desiring information concerning ground water in any particular locality will find the available data listed in the well records. These should be consulted to see if a supply of water is likely to be found in shallow wells sunk in the glacial drift, or whether a better supply may be obtained at greater depth in the underlying bedrock formations. The wells in glacial drift commonly show no regional level, as the sands or gravels in which the water occurs are irregularly distributed and of limited extent. As the surface of the ground is uneven, the best means of comparing water wells is by the elevations of their water-bearing beds. For any particular well this elevation is obtained by subtracting the figure for the depth of the well to the water-bearing bed from that for the surface elevation at the well. For convenience both the elevation of the wells and the elevation of the water-bearing bed or beds in each well are given in the well record tables. Where water is obtained from bedrock, the name of the formation in which the water-bearing sand occurs is also listed in these tables, and this information should be used in conjunction with that provided on bedrock formations, pages 4 to 8, which describes these formations and gives their thickness and sequence. Where the level of the water-bearing sand is known, its depth at any point can easily be calculated by subtracting its elevation, as given in the well record tables, from the elevation of the surface at that point.

With each report is a map consisting of two figures. Figure 1 shows the bedrock formations that will be encountered beneath the unconsolidated surface deposits. Figure 2 shows the position of all wells for which records are available, the class of well at each location, and the contour line or lines of equal surface elevation. The elevation at any location can thus be roughly judged from the nearest contour line, and the records of the wells show at what levels water is likely to be encountered. The depth of the well can then be calculated, and some information on the character and quantity of water can be obtained from a study of the records of surrounding wells.

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED

Alkaline. The term "alkaline" has been applied rather loosely to some ground waters that have a peculiar and disagreeable taste. In the Prairie Provinces, water that is commonly described as alkaline usually contains a large amount of sodium sulphate and magnesium sulphate, the principal constituents of Glauber's salt and Epsom salts respectively. Most of the so called alkaline waters are more correctly termed sulphate waters, many of which may be used for stock without ill effect. Water that tastes strongly of common salt is described as salty.

Alluvium. Deposits of earth, clay, silt, sand, gravel, and other material on the flood plains of modern streams and in lake beds.

Aquifer or Water-bearing Horizon. A porous bed, lens, or pocket in unconsolidated deposits or in bedrock that carries water.

Buried pre-Glacial Stream Channels. A channel carved into bedrock by a stream before the advance of the continental ice-sheet, and subsequently either partly or wholly filled in by sands, gravels, and boulder clay deposited by the ice-sheet or later agencies.

Bedrock. Bedrock, as here used, refers to partly or wholly consolidated deposits of gravel, sand, silt, clay, and marl that are older than the glacial drift.

Coal Seam. The same as a coal bed. A deposit of carbonaceous material formed from the remains of plants by partial decomposition and burial.

Contour. A line on a map joining points that have the same elevation above sea-level.

Continental Ice-Sheet. The great ice-sheet that covered most of the surface of Canada many thousands of years ago.

Escarpment. A cliff or a relatively steep slope separating level or gently sloping areas.

Flood Plain. A flat part in a river valley ordinarily above water but covered by water when the river is in flood.

Glacial Drift. The loose, unconsolidated surface deposits of sand, gravel, and clay, or a mixture of these, that were deposited by the continental ice-sheet. Clay containing boulders forms part of the drift and is referred to as glacial till or boulder clay. The glacial drift occurs in several forms:

(1) Ground Moraine. A boulder clay or till plain (includes areas where the glacial drift is very thin and the surface uneven).

(2) Terminal Moraine or Moraine. A hilly tract of country formed by glacial drift that was laid down at the margin of the continental ice-sheet during its retreat. The surface is characterized by irregular hills and undrained basins.

(3) Glacial Outwash. Sand and gravel plains or deltas formed by streams that issued from the continental ice-sheet.

(4) Glacial Lake Deposits. Sand and clay plains formed in glacial lakes during the retreat of the ice-sheet.

Ground Water. Sub-surface water, or water that occurs below the surface of the land.

Hydrostatic Pressure. The pressure that causes water in a well to rise above the point at which it is first encountered.

Impervious or Impermeable. Beds, such as fine clays or shale, are considered to be impervious or impermeable when they do not permit of the perceptible passage or movement of ground water.

Pervious or Permeable. Beds are pervious when they permit of the perceptible passage or movement of ground water, as for example porous sands, gravel, and sandstone.

Pre-Glacial Land Surface. The surface of the land before it was covered by the continental ice-sheet.

Recent Deposits. Deposits that have been laid down by the agencies of water and wind since the disappearance of the continental ice-sheet.

Unconsolidated Deposits. The mantle or covering of alluvium and glacial drift consisting of loose sand, gravel, clay, and boulders that overlie the bedrock.

Water-table. The upper limit of the part of the ground wholly saturated with water. This may be very near the surface or many feet below it.

Wells. Holes sunk into the earth so as to reach a supply of water. When no water is obtained they are referred to as dry holes. Wells in which water is encountered are of three classes:

(1) Wells in which the water is under sufficient pressure to flow above the surface of the ground.

(2) Wells in which the water is under pressure but does not rise to the surface.

(3) Wells in which the water does not rise above the water table.

# BEDROCK FORMATIONS OF WEST-CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN AND EAST-CENTRAL ALBERTA

The formations that outcrop in west-central Saskatchewan are an extension of similar formations that occur in east-central Alberta. They are of Upper Cretaceous age, and consist entirely of relatively soft shales and sands, with some bands of hard sandstone and layers of ironstone nodules. The succession, character, and estimated thickness of the formations are shown in the following table:

| <u>Formation</u>         | <u>Character</u>  | <u>Thickness</u><br><u>Feet</u>                               |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Edmonton                 | Grey to white, bentonitic sands and sandstones with grey and greenish shales; coal seams prominent in some areas, as at Castor, Alberta.  | 1,000 to 1,150  |
| Bearpaw                  | Dark shales, green sands with smooth black chert pebbles; partly non-marine, with white bentonitic sands, carbonaceous shales or thin coal seams similar to those in Pale Beds; shales at certain horizons contain lobster claw nodules and marine fossils; at other horizons are abundant selenite crystals. | 300 to 600<br>thins rapidly to the north-west                 |
| Pale and Variegated Beds | Light grey sands with bentonite; soft, dark grey and light grey shales with selenite and ironstone; carbonaceous shales and coal seams; abundant selenite crystals in certain layers.   | 950 to 1,000 in Czar-Tit Hills area; may be thinner elsewhere |
| Birch Lake               | Grey sand and sandstone in upper part; middle part of shales and sandy shales, thinly laminated; lower part with grey and yellow weathering sands; oyster bed commonly at base.   | 100 in west, but less to east and south                       |
| Grizzly Bear             | Mostly dark grey shale of marine origin, with a few minor sand horizons; selenite crystals and nodules up to 6 or 8 inches in diameter  | Maximum, 100  |
| Ribstone Creek           | Grey sands and sandstones at the top and bottom, with intermediate sands and shales; thin coal seam in the vicinity of Wainwright; mostly non-marine, but middle shale in some areas is marine.   | Maximum, 325 at Viking; thins eastward                        |
| Lea Park                 | Dark grey shales and sandy shales with nodules of ironstone; a sand 70 feet thick 110 feet below the top of the formation in the Ribstone area, Alberta.  | 950 to 1,100  |

## Edmonton Formation

The name Edmonton formation was first applied to the beds containing coal in the Edmonton area, and later to the same beds in adjoining areas. The formation has a total thickness of 1,000 to 1,150 feet, but is bevelled off eastward and the east edge of the formation



follows a northwest line from Coronation through Tofield to a point on North Saskatchewan River about midway between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan. No Edmonton beds occur northeast of this line, but the formation becomes progressively thicker to the southwest due to the fact that the beds incline in that direction and the surface bevels across them.

The Edmonton formation consists of poorly bedded grey and greenish clay shales, coal seams, and sands and sandstones that contain clay and a white material known as bentonite. This material when wet is very sticky and swells greatly in volume, and when dry tends to give a white appearance to the beds containing it. Such beds are relatively impervious to water, and at the surface produce the "burns" of barren ground where vegetation is scanty or absent.

Water is relatively abundant in the Edmonton formation, which contains much sand, commonly in the form of isolated lenses distributed irregularly through the formation. Consequently, there is little uniformity in the depth of wells even within a small area. Water also occurs commonly with coal seams and, unlike the sand lenses, these beds are much more regular and persistent. In contrast with the water from the bentonitic sands, which is generally "soft", water from the coal seams, as the water from the shallow surface deposits, may be "hard". The basal beds of the Edmonton formation usually contain fresh water, but this may become brackish locally where the underlying Bearpaw beds contain highly alkaline or salty water.

#### Bearpaw Formation

In southern Alberta, where the Bearpaw formation is thickest, the beds composing it are mainly shales that have been deposited in sea water. In the area north of township 32 the formation thins to the northwest and becomes a shoreline deposit composed of shales containing bentonite, impure sands, and thin coal seams. In some areas, as at Ryley and near Monitor, and in the Neutral Hills, the Bearpaw contains pebble beds. At Ryley these are consolidated into a conglomerate, but mostly the pebbles are loosely distributed in shale or sandy beds.

In the area immediately north of township 32 the Bearpaw occupies a widespread belt beneath the glacial drift, but farther northwest the belt narrows, and at Ryley and northwestward it is only a few miles wide. This belt crosses North Saskatchewan River about midway between Edmonton and Fort Saskatchewan. Bearpaw beds form the main bedrock deposits of the Neutral Hills. Farther south, where they have an exposed thickness of at least 400 feet, they contain green sands, and beds of marine shale interfinger with the bentonitic shales and sands of the underlying formation. To the north, on the banks of North Saskatchewan River, the division between the Bearpaw and the overlying and underlying formations is indefinite, and the thickness of beds of Bearpaw age is relatively small.

The water in the Ryley area is from the Bearpaw formation, and is salty. In other areas to the south the marine Bearpaw formation carries green sand beds that yield fresh water, but commonly a much better supply is found by drilling through the Bearpaw into the underlying Pale Beds.

In Saskatchewan, Bearpaw beds occur southeast of Maclin and south of Luseland and Kerrobert. Only the basal beds are present, and these contain green sands that are commonly water-bearing.

#### Pale and Variegated Beds

Underlying the Bearpaw formation is a succession of bentonitic sands, shales, and sandy shales containing a few coal seams. The upper part of this succession, due to the bentonitic content, is commonly light coloured and has been described as the Pale Beds, whereas the lower



part is darker, and is known as Variegated Beds. In part, dark shales are present in both Pale and Variegated Beds; others are greenish, grey, brown, and dark chocolate, carbonaceous types. The sands may also be yellow, but where bentonite is present it imparts a light colour to the beds. Both Pale and Variegated Beds are characterized by the presence of thin seams of ironstone, commonly dark reddish, but in part purplish, Selenite (gypsum) crystals are, in places, abundant in the shales.

The best sections of Pale Beds exposed in the region are in the Tit Hills, southwest of Ozar. These hills carry a thin capping of Bearpaw shales, beneath which, and around Bruce Lake, more than 200 feet of Pale Beds are exposed. The total thickness of Pale and Variegated Beds in the Tit Hills area is about 970 feet. Variegated Beds outcrop near Hawkins on the Canadian National Railway west of Wainwright, but no area exposes the complete succession, which is considered to comprise about 200 feet of beds.

Records of wells drilled into the Pale and Variegated Beds do not, in general, indicate lateral persistence of sands for long distances, nor any uniform average depth to water-bearing sands in a local area. This points to the conclusion that the sands are mainly local lenses, but as such lenses are numerous, few wells fail to obtain water. In the Cadogan area many flowing wells have been obtained from sands about midway in the succession. In western Saskatchewan Pale and Variegated Beds occur over a wide area from Maclin and Kerrobert northeast through Wilkie to the Eagle Hills, south of Battleford. Numerous outcrops occur in the area south of Unity at Muddy Lake, but south and east around Biggar these beds are almost wholly concealed by glacial drift.

The water from the sands of the Pale and Variegated Beds is generally soft. The supply, apparently, is dependent in part on the size of the sand body that contains the water and in part on the ease with which water may be replenished in the sand. Small sand lenses surrounded by shales may be filled with water that has infiltrated into them, but when tapped by a well the supply may be very slowly replenished. In many instances such wells yield only a small supply, although this is commonly persistent and regular.

#### Birch Lake Formation

The Birch Lake formation underlies the Variegated Beds, but in many areas the division is not sharp. The type area of the formation is along the north shore of Birch Lake south of Innisfree, where a section 65 feet thick, composed mostly of sand, is exposed. The total thickness of the formation in this area is about 100 feet, and although this is dominantly sand a central part is composed of alternating thin sand and shale beds. At the base of the formation, in a number of places, is an oyster bed, and this is exposed in a road cut in a section 73 feet thick on the east side of Buffalo Coulee in sec. 3, tp. 47, rge. 7, W. 4th mer. In both upper and lower parts of the formation the sand is commonly massive and outcrops tend to consolidate into hard, nodular masses from a foot to a few feet in diameter. Apparently these are formed through the deposition of salts from the water that finds an outlet at the outcrops. In fact, in some areas the sand may be traced along the side of a hill by the presence of small springs or nodular masses of sandstone.

The Birch Lake formation occurs under the drift and in outcrops in a large area south of North Saskatchewan River and northeast of a line from Willingdon to Innisfree and Minburn. East of this area the southwest boundary is more irregular, but outcrops are persistent on the banks of Battle River from a few miles north of Hardisty to and beyond the mouth of Grizzly Bear Coulee in tp. 47, rge. 5. It is believed, too, that a large area near Edgerton and Chauvin is underlain by the Birch Lake formation and that it extends southeastward into Saskatchewan around Manitou Lake and southeast to Vera.

It is thought that the Birch Lake formation thins eastward from its type section at Birch Lake, and that it loses its identity in western Saskatchewan. Deep wells drilled at Czar, Castor, and elsewhere no longer show the Birch Lake as a clearly recognizable sand formation, so that its southern limit beneath younger formations is unknown. Wherever it occurs as a sand, however, it is water-bearing, although in some areas the sand is apparently too fine to yield any considerable volume of water. In other areas, however, it persistently yields good wells. There is no apparent uniformity in the character of the water, which is either hard or soft in different wells in the same general area. Direct contact with surface waters that contain calcium sulphates may in time change a "soft" water well to a "hard" water well, and many wells are not sufficiently cased to prevent the percolation of water from surface sands into the well, and hence into the deeper, soft water producing sands. In part this accounts for the change in character of the water in a well, a feature that has been noticed by many well owners.

#### Grizzly Bear Formation

The type locality for the Grizzly Bear formation, which underlies the Birch Lake beds, is near the mouth of Grizzly Bear Coulee, a tributary of Battle River with outlet in tp. 47, rge. 5. The formation is mainly composed of dark shales that were deposited in sea water. At the mouth of Grizzly Bear Coulee two shale sections, each about 100 feet thick, are separated by a zone of thin sand beds. It is now recognized that the upper section is the Grizzly Bear shale, and that the lower one, very similar in character and also deposited in sea water, occurs in the next lower formation, the Ribstone Creek. The Grizzly Bear shale contains a thin nodular zone about 50 feet above the base, that is, at about the centre of the formation. This zone is sandy, and is believed to yield water in various wells. Other thin sands, in places water-bearing, are also present. The impervious nature of the Grizzly Bear shales makes the overlying Birch Lake sand a strong aquifer, as water collects in the sand above the shale. The contact of the Birch Lake and Grizzly Bear formations can be traced in some places by the occurrence of springs issuing from the base of the Birch Lake sand even where this is not exposed.

Grizzly Bear shales occur in a road cut on the south side of Battle River near the highway bridge at Fabian. The shales in this area are about 100 feet thick. It is thought they extend as far west as the Viking gas field, where they have been recognized in samples from deep wells. It is probable, however, that the shales thin westward and thicken eastward so that their general form is a wedge between both higher and lower sand beds. The position of the thin edge of the wedge to the west is unknown, but evidently the Grizzly Bear marine shale underlies a large area in east-central Alberta extending into Saskatchewan mainly in the area south of Battle River.

#### Ribstone Creek Formation

The type area of the Ribstone Creek formation is on Ribstone Creek near its junction with Battle River in tp. 45, rge. 1, W. 4th mer. At this place the lower sand beds of the formation are well exposed. The upper part of the lower sand member of this formation outcrops on the north side of Battle River, in the northeast part of sec. 26, tp. 47, rge. 5, near the mouth of Grizzly Bear Coulee. Above it, higher on the bank and at a short distance from the river, there is a 12 foot zone of carbonaceous and coaly beds in two layers, each about 2 feet thick, separated by 8 feet of shale. Above this are 90 feet of dark shales that are thought to have been deposited in sea water, that is, they are marine shales. These marine shales in turn are overlain by a sandy zone about 20 feet thick containing oysters in the basal part. This sandy zone is the upper sand member of the Ribstone Creek formation.

It thickens to the east and west from the Grizzly Bear area but is probably at no place much more than 50 feet thick.

The lower sand member of the Ribstone Creek formation also varies in thickness from a minimum of about 25 feet. On the banks of Vermilion Creek, north of Mannville, the basal sand is at least 60, and may be 75, feet thick. It is overlain by shaly sand and sandy shale beds, which replace the shale beds in the central part of the formation as exposed at the mouth of Grizzly Bear Coulee. In the Wainwright area, where the formation has been drilled in deep wells, the basal sand is 60 feet thick, with the central part composed of shale containing sand streaks. The upper sand member is about 20 feet thick in this area. The total thickness of the formation in the Wainwright area is 180 to 200 feet, but this increases to the west and in the Viking area exceeds 300 feet.

The Ribstone Creek formation is widely exposed in a northwest-trending belt in east-central Alberta. The southwest boundary of this northwest-trending belt passes through the mouth of Grizzly Bear Coulee in tp. 47, rge. 5, and beyond to the Two Hills area in tp. 54, rge. 12, whereas the northeast boundary crosses North Saskatchewan River southwest of Elk Point and extends northwest to include an area slightly north of St. Paul des Metis and Vilna to tp. 60, rge. 14. Within this belt water wells are common in the Ribstone Creek sands, which are almost without exception water-bearing in some part of the formation. The limits of the belt to the northeast determine the limits of water from this source, but to the southwest of the belt, as here outlined, water may be obtained in this formation by drilling through the younger beds that overlie it. The Ribstone Creek sands are a prolific source of water in many places and hence the distribution of this formation is of considerable economic importance. Where the formation consists of upper and lower sands with a central shale zone only the sands are water-bearing, although thin sand members may occur in the shale. Where the formation is largely sand the distribution of water may be in any part of the formation, although the upper and lower sands are perhaps the better aquifers. To the east of Alberta, along Battle River and Big Coulee in Saskatchewan, the Ribstone Creek sands are marine. Marine conditions apparently become more prevalent to the southeast and it is believed that in this direction the sands are gradually replaced by marine shales. Thus at some distance southeast of Battleford the Ribstone Creek formation loses its identity and its equivalents are shales in a marine succession.

#### Lea Park Formation

The Lea Park formation is largely a marine shale, and only in the upper 180 feet is there any water. In the Dina area south of Lloydminster the upper beds of the Lea Park consist of silty shales about 110 feet thick underlain by silty sands 70 feet thick. Below these sands are marine shales only, and these yield no fresh water either in east-central Alberta or west-central Saskatchewan. The sand in the upper Lea Park formation is thus the lowest freshwater aquifer within a very large area. The extent of this sand in the Lea Park, particularly to the northeast, is not known, but as the strata in east-central Alberta have a southwest inclination, progressively lower beds occur at the surface to the northeast. Thus at a short distance beyond the northeast boundary of the Ribstone Creek formation, as previously outlined, the sand in the upper Lea Park reaches the surface, and represents the last bedrock aquifer in that direction. Farther northeast water must be obtained from glacial or surface deposits only. In Alberta this area without fresh water in the bedrock includes the country north of North Saskatchewan River in the vicinity of Frog Lake and a large area extending to and beyond Beaver River. In this area, however, more fresh water streams are present than farther south, and bush lands

help to retain the surface waters. The area northeast of North Saskatchewan River in Saskatchewan is almost wholly within the Lea Park formation, where water can be found only in surface deposits.

## WATER ANALYSES

### Introduction

Analyses were made of water samples collected from a large number of wells in west-central Saskatchewan. Their purpose was to determine the chemical characteristics of the waters from different geological horizons, and thereby assist in making correlations of the strata in which the waters occur. Although this was the main objective of the analyses, it was also realized that a knowledge of the mineral content of the water is of interest and value to the consumer. The analyses were all made in the laboratory of the Water Supply and Borings Section of the Geological Survey, Ottawa.

### Discussion of Chemical Determinations

The dissolved mineral constituents vary with the material encountered by the water in its migration to the reservoir bed. The mineral salts present are referred to as the total dissolved solids, and they represent the residue when the water is completely evaporated. This is expressed quantitatively as "parts per million", which refers to the proportion by weight in 1,000,000 parts of water. A salt when dissolved in water separates into two chemical units called "radicals", and these are expressed as such in the chemical analyses. In the one group is included the metallic elements of calcium (Ca), magnesium (Mg), and sodium (Na), and in the other group are the sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4$ ), chloride (Cl), and carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3$ ) radicals.

The analyses indicate only the amounts of the previously mentioned radicals, thus neglecting any silica, alumina, potash, or iron that may be present. It will be noticed that in most instances the total solids are accounted for by the sum total of the radicals as shown by the analyses. Actually, the residue when the water is completely evaporated still retains some combined water of crystallization, so that the figures for the "total solids" are higher than the sum total of the radicals as determined. These radicals are also "calculated in assumed combinations" to indicate the theoretical amounts of different salts present in the water. The same method was followed in each analysis, so that the table presents a consistent record of the different compounds present.

### Mineral Constituents Present

Calcium. Calcium (Ca) in the water comes from mineral particles present in the surface deposits, the chief source being limestone, gypsum, and dolomite. Fossil shells provide a source of calcium, as does also the decomposition of igneous rocks. The common compounds of calcium are calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) and calcium sulphate ( $\text{CaSO}_4$ ).

Magnesium. Magnesium (Mg) is a common constituent of many igneous rocks and, therefore, very prevalent in ground water. Dolomite, a carbonate of calcium and magnesium, is also a source of the mineral. The sulphate of magnesia ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) combines with water to form "Epsom salts" and renders the water unwholesome if present in large amounts.

Sodium. Sodium (Na) is derived from a number of the important rock-forming minerals, so that sodium sulphate and carbonate are very common in ground waters. Sodium sulphate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) combines with water to form "Glauber's salt" and excessive amounts make the water unsuitable for drinking purposes. Sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) or "black alkali" waters are mostly soft, the degree of softness depending upon the ratio

of sodium carbonate to the calcium and magnesium salts. Waters containing sodium carbonate in excess of 200 parts per million are unsuitable for irrigation purposes<sup>1</sup>. Sodium sulphate is less

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<sup>1</sup> "The extreme limit of salts for irrigation is taken to be 70 parts per 100,000, but plants will not tolerate more than 10 to 20 parts per 100,000 of black alkali (alkaline carbonates and bicarbonates)" Frank Dixey in "A Practical Handbook of Water Supply", Thos. Murby & Co., 1931, p. 254.

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harmful.

Sulphates. The sulphate ( $\text{SO}_4$ ) salts referred to in these analyses are calcium sulphate ( $\text{CaSO}_4$ ), magnesium sulphate ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), and sodium sulphate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ).

Chloride. Chlorine (Cl) is with a few exceptions, expressed as sodium chloride ( $\text{NaCl}$ ), that is, common table salt. It is found in all of the analyses, most of the waters containing less than 200 parts per million, but some as much as 2,000 or 3,000 parts. These waters have a brackish taste.

Alkalinity. The alkalinity determined in these water analyses is based on the assumption that the only salts present in the samples that will neutralize acids are carbonates, and that, consequently, the degree of alkalinity is proportional to the amount of the carbonate radical ( $\text{CO}_3$ ) present.

Hardness. The hardness of water is the total hardness, and has been determined by the amount of a standard soap solution required to form a lather that will stand up (persist) for 2 minutes. Hardness is of two kinds, temporary and permanent. Temporary hardness is caused by calcium and magnesium bicarbonates, which are soluble in water but are precipitated as insoluble normal carbonates by boiling, as shown by the scale that forms in teakettles. Permanent hardness is caused by the presence of calcium and magnesium sulphates, and is not removed by boiling. The two forms of hardness are not distinguished in the water analyses. Waters grade from very soft<sub>2</sub> to very hard, and can be classified according to the following system :

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The "Examination of Waters and Water Supplies", Thresh & Beale, page 21, Fourth Ed. 1933 .

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- A water under 50 degrees (that is, parts per million) of hardness may be said to be very soft.
- A water with 50 to 100 degrees of hardness may be said to be moderately soft.
- A water with 100 to 150 degrees of hardness may be said to be moderately hard.
- A water with more than 200 and less than 300 degrees of hardness may be said to be hard.
- A water with more than 300 degrees of hardness may be said to be very hard.

Hard waters are usually high in calcium carbonate. Almost all of the waters from the glacial drift are of this type, especially those ~~not~~ associated with sand and gravel deposits that come close to the surface.

In soft water the calcium carbonate has been replaced by sodium carbonate, due to natural reagents present in the sand and clays. Bentonite and glauconite are two such reagents known to be present. Montmorillinite, one of the clay-forming minerals, has the same property of softening water, owing to the absorbed sodium that is available for chemical reaction<sup>1</sup>.

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Piper, A. M. "Ground Water in Southwestern Pennsylvania", Penn. Geol. Surv., 4th series.

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If surface water reaches the lower sands by percolating through the higher beds it may be highly charged with calcium salts before reaching the bedrock formations containing bentonite or glauconite. The completeness of the exchange of calcium carbonate for sodium carbonate will, therefore, depend upon the length of time that the water is in contact with the softening reagent, and also upon the amount of this material present. The rate of movement of underground water will, consequently, be a factor in determining the extent of the reaction.

The amount of iron present in the water was not determined, owing to the possibilities of contamination from the iron casings in the wells. Iron is present in most waters, but the amount may be small. Upon exposure to air a red precipitate forms, the water becomes acid, and, hence, has a corrosive action. When iron is present in large amounts the water has an inky taste.

#### WATER ANALYSES IN RELATION TO GEOLOGY

##### Glacial Drift

The quality of the water from glacial drift depends largely on the nature of the deposit from which it comes and on the depth of the aquifer below the surface. Glacial deposits may be divided roughly into three types.

- (1). Sand and gravel beds that form the surface deposit, such as outwash material and glacial lake sands.
- (2). Buried outwash and interglacial deposits between two tills of boulder clay.
- (3). Pockets or lenses of sand and gravel irregularly distributed through the till.

Water from surface sand deposits is normally low in dissolved salts, the total being generally less than 1,000 parts per million. Where large amounts of limestone occur in the glacial sand and gravel beds a characteristic constituent of the glacial water is calcium carbonate, the amount present varying from 300 to 700 parts per million.

Water from buried outwash deposits contains more dissolved salts than the surface sands, as the water in order to reach them has to percolate through overlying till. Rain water contains carbonic acid, which acts as a solvent and dissolves a great deal of calcium, magnesium, and sodium from the rock-forming minerals. Sulphate salts are commonly present, though their proportions vary greatly in the different waters. The shales that are incorporated in the drift are high in calcium sulphate, so that the amount of shale present will modify the quality of the water. The oxidized upper part of the drift contains less sulphate than the deeper, less oxidized boulder clay. The character of the water in the buried outwash deposits will, therefore, depend largely on the composition and amount of till that overlies it.



Water from irregularly distributed sand and gravel beds will vary in its content of dissolved salts depending upon the character of the material surrounding the reservoir beds. As the water in this type of deposit does not flow to any marked extent, it is apt to be more highly impregnated with soluble salts than where the underground movement is more rapid. Soft water in the drift is mostly confined to shallow wells in sands low in calcium carbonate. Waters from glacial lake clays are sometimes high in soluble salts.

The sample from a well in glacial lake clay on N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 27, tp. 42, rge. 17, has 11,040 parts per million of soluble salts, largely magnesium sulphate and sodium sulphate. The sample from SE.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 13, tp. 42, rge. 16, which is believed to come from glacial lake silts, has a very different composition. The total solids in it are only 440 parts per million, of which 250 are calcium carbonate. The great difference in these waters is due to the high soluble salt content that is associated with the lake clays but absent in the silts. Average drift water contains between 1,000 and 3,000 parts per million of dissolved mineral salts.

### Bearpaw Formation

The Bearpaw formation consists of dark marine shales and beds of green sand. Water from these sands has a total solid count ranging from 300 to 1,600 parts per million and a hardness of more than 300 degrees. Calcium carbonate is very marked in all samples, due, perhaps, to the proximity of the water sands to the glacial drift. Sodium sulphate is the chief salt present, followed by calcium carbonate, magnesium sulphate, magnesium carbonate, and sodium chloride in decreasing amounts. These waters are distinguished from the overlying drift waters by being relatively low in total dissolved solids, and in containing no calcium sulphate and only moderate amounts of sodium sulphate, magnesium sulphate, and magnesium carbonate.

### Pale Beds

Pale Beds underlie the Bearpaw formation. Total solids in waters from these beds vary from 700 to 1,300 parts per million. The water is, in most instances, soft, as it contains sodium carbonate in excess of calcium and magnesium carbonates, but when mixed with surface water high in calcium carbonate, it will become hard. The high concentration of sodium salts, especially sodium carbonate, in contrast with the calcium and magnesium salts distinguishes this water from that in Bearpaw sands. The Pale Beds include much bentonite, and it is this mineral that acts as a water softener within the formation. The following analyses are typical of waters from the Pale Beds:

|                                 | SE. sec. 16, NE. sec. 3, SW. sec. 7, SE. sec. 21 | tp.38, rge. 21 | tp.39, rge. 25, | tp.37, rge.24, | tp. 38,rge.23 |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Salts                           |  |                |                 |                |               |
| CaCO <sub>3</sub>               | 73   | 18             | 53              | 35             |               |
| CaSO <sub>4</sub>               | -  | -              | -               | -              |               |
| MgCO <sub>3</sub>               | 52   | 14             | 45              | 38             |               |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub>               | -  | -              | -               | -              |               |
| Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 297  | 679            | 464             | 562            |               |
| Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 297  | 158            | 266             | 437            |               |



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|--------------|-----|-------|-----|-------|
| NaCl         | 31  | 45    | 46  | 130   |
| Total solids | 760 | 1,020 | 940 | 1,260 |
| Hardness     | 100 | 20    | 30  | 75    |

#### Variegated Beds

In Senlac Rural Municipality, Saskatchewan, are a number of wells that have water very similar in character to that found in the Bearpaw formation. These wells tap an horizon that corresponds with the Variegated Beds in Alberta, although they have not been separated from the Pale Beds. They are less bentonitic than the Pale Beds and darker in colour. The water is hard and has a low dissolved solid content. The three analyses given below show a great deal of similarity and suggest a common horizon.

| Salts                           | NW. sec. 21,<br>tp. 41, rge. 26 | NW. sec. 3,<br>tp. 41, rge. 28 | SE. sec. 28,<br>tp. 40, rge. 28 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CaCO <sub>3</sub>               | 250                             | 305                            | 125                             |
| CaSO <sub>4</sub>               | -                               | -                              | -                               |
| MgCO <sub>3</sub>               | 1109                            | 80                             | 155                             |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub>               | 149                             | 104                            | 69                              |
| Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | -                               | -                              | -                               |
| Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 98                              | 132                            | 386                             |
| NaCl                            | 12                              | 12                             | 18                              |
| Total solids                    | 640                             | 640                            | 780                             |
| Hardness                        | 600                             | 600                            | 500                             |

#### Ribstone Creek Formation

Chemical analyses of water from the Ribstone Creek formation vary more than in the Pale Beds, the reason being that at several different horizons the sediments show considerable lateral variation. The formation includes both marine and non-marine beds, thin coal seams being present in the basal part of the formation around Paynton, whereas south of Lashburn, on Battle River, marine fossils were found in strata considered to be at approximately the same horizon. The water analyses show similarities within limited areas, but long distance correlations cannot be made safely except for the saline waters that occur in the flowing wells at Vera, Muddy Lake, and at the south end of Tramping Lake. Analyses of these waters are given in the following table:

| Salts             | SE. sec. 25,<br>tp. 41, rge. 24 | SE. sec. 22,<br>tp. 41, rge. 24, | NE. sec. 36,<br>tp. 41, rge. 24, | SW. sec. 7,<br>tp. 41, rge. 24, | SE. sec. 30,<br>tp. 38, rge. 22, | SW. sec. 10,<br>tp. 35, rge. 20, |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| CaCO <sub>3</sub> | 73                              | 73                               | 73                               | 198                             | 108                              | 90                               |
| CaSO <sub>4</sub> | -                               | -                                | -                                | -                               | m-                               | -                                |
| MgCO <sub>3</sub> | 38                              | 38                               | 38                               | 52                              | 69                               | 52                               |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub> | -                               | -                                | -                                | -                               | -                                | -                                |

|                                 |       |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 129   | 119   | 129   | 11    | 106   | 125   |
| Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 55    | 55    | 61    | 61    | 49    | 43    |
| NaCl                            | 2,929 | 3,036 | 2,690 | 2,863 | 3,531 | 3,861 |
| Total solids                    | 3,840 | 3,460 | 3,120 | 3,200 | 3,860 | 4,460 |
| Hardness                        | 135   | 90    | 110   | 100   | 130   | 130   |

The similarity in these analyses suggests a common source bed. The distance between the Tramping Lake well and the Vera wells is about 40 miles. This water, which is thought to come from the basal sand of the Ribstone Creek formation, is not typical of water from the same stratigraphical horizon in the vicinity of Battle River, one reason being, possibly, that at Battle River the stream has cut through the Ribstone Creek formation exposing the sand members along its banks. This may cause a more rapid movement of the underground water in this area than farther south, and it is known that the rate of flow is a controlling factor that governs the change of calcium carbonate to sodium carbonate when the softening reagents of bentonite or glauconite are present in the sand.

Some of the soft waters from the Ribstone Creek formation cannot be distinguished from those of the Pale Beds, whereas others are quite different. The following analyses illustrate some of the different types of water from this formation:

|                                 | Se.sec.<br>11, tp.<br>46, rge. | Ind.Agent<br>Little<br>Pine I.R. | SW.sec.<br>24, tp.<br>46, rge. | NE.sec.<br>36, tp.<br>43, rge. | Se.sec.<br>26, tp.<br>43, rge. | NE.sec.<br>36, tp.<br>41, rge. | NW.sec.<br>22, tp.<br>42, rge. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Salts                           | 28                             |                                  | 21                             | 18                             | 18                             | 24                             | 23                             |
| CaCO <sub>3</sub>               | 90                             | 90                               | 410                            | 73                             | 35                             | 73                             | 125                            |
| CaSO <sub>4</sub>               | -                              | -                                | -                              | -                              | -                              | -                              | -                              |
| MgCO <sub>3</sub>               | 97                             | 59                               | 168                            | 38                             | 31                             | 38                             | 97                             |
| MgSO <sub>4</sub>               | -                              | -                                | 64                             | -                              | -                              | -                              | -                              |
| Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | 217                            | 392                              | -                              | 283                            | 592                            | 129                            | 196                            |
| Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> | 1,644                          | 777                              | 2,518                          | 225                            | 522                            | 61                             | 1,541                          |
| NaCl                            | 249                            | 63                               | 76                             | 12                             | 83                             | 2,690                          | 71                             |
| Total solids                    | 2,220                          | 1,340                            | 3,000                          | 620                            | 1,220                          | 3,120                          | 1,900                          |
| Hardness                        | 280                            | 160                              | 750                            | 110                            | 35                             | 110                            | 600                            |

The above chemical analyses show such a wide range in the dissolved salts present in the different waters in the Ribstone Creek formation that they cannot be used for correlation purposes over a large area.

#### Conclusions

- (1) In most instances water from glacial drift is quite different from water from bedrock.
- (2) Some of the bedrock horizons carry waters that show definite chemical characteristics.
- (3) Most waters from glacial till carry total solids amounting to between 1,000 and 3,000 parts per million.

(4) Bedrock waters are commonly low in dissolved salts. Exceptions to this are to be found in water from the Ribstone Creek formation.

(5) Water from the Bearpaw formation is hard. An average of ten wells gave a total solid content of 1,100 parts per million.

(6) Water from the Variegated Beds resembles that from the Bearpaw formation.

(7) Waters from the Pale Beds is mostly soft. An average of ten wells gave a total solid of 1,000 parts per million.

(8) All soft waters contain sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ), which is present in water from the Pale Beds and Ribstone Creek formations but absent from the Bearpaw formation and Variegated Beds.

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Physical Features

Saskatchewan River forms the natural boundary of this municipality on the south and southwest. It flows in a valley more than 200 feet deep cut through the surface deposit of boulder till into the underlying sands and shales. The present wide tributary valleys from the north, namely those of Englishman and Monnery Rivers and Whitesand Creek, were apparently formed by the large amount of water that at one time flowed over the area. The country between Whitesand Creek and Englishmen River has been considerably eroded by waters originating from the retreating ice mass.

Another important physical feature is Paradise Hill. It is an erosional remnant of a deposit that at one time extended to the east and north. As the hill includes beds that are higher stratigraphically than those of the lower adjoining land it is apparent that the bedrock surface must have had considerable relief before the advance of the ice. On the other hand, most of the present relief is due to post-glacial erosion.

Geology

Outcrops of dark grey marine Lea Park shales are found along the main streams. These shales lie immediately below the drift within the entire municipality, except in the upper part of Paradise Hill where higher beds stratigraphically are present. These higher beds of Ribstone Creek sands and sandstone are encountered in several wells on the south end of Paradise Hill, and outcrop in sec. 12, tp. 51, rge. 24.

Water Supply

The ground-water supply in this municipality is obtained from the glacial drift and to a very limited extent from a sand member of the bedrock. As previously stated, shale underlies the drift except for the area of Paradise Hill where higher beds are believed to be present. The glacial drift is a variable deposit of boulder till, sand, and gravel. Extensive deposits of sand and gravel are not common, although several sand beds deposited by the glacial waters that entered Saskatchewan River from the north occur in tp. 51, rge. 23. West of Englishman River, in township 52, is a gravel deposit of fluvioglacial origin. The drift deposit on the whole contains considerable sorted material and is, consequently, a relatively good source of water.

Water in the Ribstone Creek sands has been encountered in several wells on secs. 14 and 21, tp. 51, rge. 24. This sand is thought to underlie the greater part of Paradise Hill, but its water possibilities are limited as it is an erosion remnant, and the water contained in it must come from rainfall. Wells drilled by the Canadian National Railway in the villages of

Bolney and Paradise Hill found a good supply of water at depths of about 200 feet. Logs of these wells were not available, but their depths suggest that they are in bedrock. The possibilities of this horizon as an aquifer depend upon the thickness and lateral extent of the sand bed.

Township 50, Range 22. The surface deposit of glacial drift has been modified appreciably by the large volume of water that has come down the valley of Englishman River, as well as by the overflow waters of Turtlelake River to the northeast. The concentration of boulders on the surface in the areas of till and the sand and gravel deposits along the old channels are evidence of later erosion. The thickness of the drift increases to the north. On the ridge between Englishman and Saskatchewan Rivers, in section 12, the underlying bedrock shale forms the surface soil, and only scattered boulders appear on the surface, indicating that the original deposit of drift was very thin. Elsewhere in the township, except in section 13 on the banks of Englishman River where bedrock is exposed, the surface is covered with boulder till. These shales are very impervious, and drilling into them failed to yield water south of Turtleford.

Numerous springs occur along the banks of the rivers, and in many places mark the top of the underlying shale surface. This surface is very irregular; on the ridge in section 12 it is at an elevation of about 1,900 feet, whereas along the banks of Englishman River its elevation is 1,785 feet. An area of outwash gravels is found north of Englishman River along the east side of the township. These gravel beds were deposited by the glacial waters that flowed over a large section of the country. In the remaining part of the township boulder till, with pockets of sand and gravel, forms the surface deposit. So far as known these bodies of sorted material do not represent a definite zone in the drift, and neither their extent nor elevation can be predicted.

Township 51, Range 22. Englishman River, now a comparatively small stream, flows in a broad valley. The west bank is marked by gentle rising land carrying a concentration of boulders on the surface. East of the river the land rises rather abruptly to a plateau-like plain covered with ground moraine. This plain, with its relatively flat surface, separates Englishman and Turtlelake Rivers.

No outcrops of the underlying bedrock are exposed in the township, but small showings of shale occur along the bank on the road leading to the Maidstone ferry on Saskatchewan River. These are dark grey, impervious shales of the Lea Park formation and are believed to underlie the drift, although no wells have drilled through the surface deposits.

Sand and gravel beds within the drift are the source of the ground water. Such deposits, laid down by the high waters of Englishman River, are found on sections 29 and 32. Boulder till forms the surface material over the remaining part of the township. Most of the wells are restricted to the eastern half of the township, which is good farming land in contrast with the very rough rocky land west of the river. Wells in this township have depths of from only a few feet to more than 100 feet, and it is difficult to determine how many are from a definite horizon. It will be noticed that most wells

more than 50 feet deep are found within a belt  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles wide along the east side of the township. In this belt, too, the amount of sand and gravel in the upper 50 feet of drift is very small. There appears, therefore, to be a zone between 50 and 100 feet below the surface that contains a large amount of sand and gravel. The elevations of these aquifers increase towards the north in accord with the rise in the land surface in the same direction. Those on sections 1 and 35 have elevations of 1,911 and 2,080 feet respectively. Lower aquifers may be encountered at greater depth above the bedrock shale that underlies the drift.

Township 51, Range 23. During the early stages of Whitesand Creek a large amount of water flowed over the land east of Paradise Hill. Much of the boulder clay was removed, and deposits of sand and gravel were left as evidence of the erosion that took place. The present stream channel of Whitesand Creek has cut through into the underlying bedrock strata of shale, which are exposed along the banks at several places. Along the road-crossing south of section 29, the shale surface has an elevation of 1,836 feet, and has also been reached in several wells east of the creek at elevations between 1,862 and 1,890 feet. West of the creek, on section 20, it was encountered at an elevation of 1,926 feet; the bedrock here is in the upper part of the Lea Park formation, and if beds of the overlying Ribstone Creek formation are present in the higher land to the west the contact with the Lea Park shale should be very nearly at this elevation.

As the impervious shales of the Lea Park formation underlie the whole township, except for a small part in the northwest corner, the ground-water supply must be obtained from the glacial drift. East of Whitesand Creek the drift is comparatively thin, but contains a fairly large amount of sand and gravel. The elevation of the aquifers along the east side of the township range between 1,904 and 1,918 feet, and a slope towards Whitesand Creek no doubt marks the approximate top of the shale surface. The uniformity of the elevations of the aquifers in this area is suggestive of a single horizon, and possibilities of lower horizons being present are very poor as the shale surface is believed to lie at no great depth below the productive zone.

West of Whitesand Creek the aquifers that have been tapped may represent several horizons. The spring on section 30, at an elevation of 1,926 feet, probably indicates proximity to the top of the shale. In sections 31 and 32 wells have encountered water between 1,990 and 2,032 feet. These wells are in glacial materials, but as the thickness of the drift is not known the position of the aquifer with respect to the top of the shale or bedrock strata is uncertain. It is possible, however, that higher beds stratigraphically are present in the higher land and that these may contain enough sand to make them water-bearing.

Township 51, Range 24. The part of this township in Paradise municipality is the area north and east of Saskatchewan River. It comprises the flat plain bordering the river and part of Paradise Hill. The river has cut through the surface deposit of boulder till into the underlying bedrock strata of shale and sandstone. Numerous outcrops of Lea Park shale are exposed along the lower part of the valley, and the overlying Ribstone Creek sands and sandstones outcrop on the higher levels, as in sections 12 and 14. As Ribstone Creek sandstone was also encountered in

a well on SE, section 21 it is believed that this formation underlies most of Paradise Hill. The sand is coarse and is, therefore, a very good water sand. The elevations at which it occurs are between 1,925 and 2,000 feet.

The aquifers in this area have a very wide range in elevations and depths. On the flat plain bordering the river glacial material rests directly on impervious Lea Park shale, and although thin is the only known source for the water supply. On sections 30 and 31 water is easily obtained in a sand at an elevation between 1,880 and 1,872 feet. This sand is part of the river terrace and is, therefore, uniformly distributed. Along the river bank are numerous springs, which mark the contact between the drift and the underlying Lea Park shale. On the higher land the drift is thicker, and the sand beds that overlie the shale increase the number of aquifers present. The surface deposit of drift is thought to be at least 90 feet thick, as a well on NW, section 33 is in glacial materials at that depth. The aquifers in the drift have elevations between 2,011 and 2,107 feet. Most of them are in an upper and a lower group, with a few scattered between.

The bedrock sand underlying the drift on the higher land is considered to be a source of water. It has been encountered in two wells on sections 14 and 21 at elevations of 1,925 and 1,991 feet respectively, and may be found elsewhere between these levels. The deep dry hole drilled on section 22 to a depth of 300 feet should have encountered this sand between depths of 175 and 200 feet. The fact that this sand was drilled through would suggest that the pressure of the water in it is very weak and that the water would not rise very high in the hole. This, however, is to be expected as the sand bed is an outlier, limited to Paradise Hill.

Township 52, Range 22. The broad valley of Englishman River trends north and south through the middle of the township. To the east the land rises gradually more than 200 feet to form a broad ridge between Englishman and Turtlelake River drainage systems. The ridge parallels the two rivers, and is covered with a thick deposit of ground moraine. West of the river the land is flatter, and there is evidence that a large part of it has undergone considerable erosion. At one time a large amount of water entered Englishman River Valley from the northwest through the channel occupied by Lake Bonnet, leaving a large gravel deposit between this lake and the river. In the northwest corner of the area a low moraine extends to the north between these two almost parallel streams.

No bedrock outcrop is exposed in this township or in the immediate vicinity, but as shale occurs in wells along Whitesand Creek at an elevation of 1,890 feet it is assumed that this formation extends to the northeast and underlies the surface deposit in Englishman River Valley at least. It is quite possible that higher beds stratigraphically may be present on the ridge east of the river.

The surface deposits are, therefore, the source of the water supply, which is generally good. The wells vary greatly in depth. On the gravel plain west of the river the land is used chiefly for grazing purposes and, hence, there are few wells. In this area water may be easily obtained from near the base of the gravel deposit, and this applies equally to the rest of the valley. In the morainal area to the northwest the sand and gravel beds are believed to be present as irregular pockets instead of as a uniform bed. However, the drift deposit apparently



contains a large amount of sand and gravel, and it is, consequently, not difficult to find a good supply of water in it. Water occurs in wells on section 32 at elevations of 1,941 and 1,919 feet.

On the higher ridge to the east the drift deposit is considerably thicker and offers more possibilities of water at depth. Most of the wells on the elevated land are deeper than 40 feet, and their records indicate some uniformity in the water levels, suggestive of definite horizons. This is particularly true of the horizon between 1,970 and 1,990 feet on sections 22, 26, 27, and 34. The higher aquifers vary greatly in elevation and are believed to be discontinuous pockets of sand and gravel scattered irregularly through the drift. Altogether, the upper 100 feet of drift contains a large amount of sand and gravel, the main source of water supply.

Township 52, Range 23. Extensive sand and gravel deposits occur along the lakes and lower land in the southern part of this township. These accumulations of sand and sandy soil are separated by rocky boulder till. The area on the whole is very flat, except for a strip along the southwest side that is part of Paradise Hill. There are no outcrops in the township, and so far as known the wells are all in glacial drift. From regional information, however, it is thought that the drift is underlain by the impervious shale of the Lea Park formation. Beds of the overlying Ribstone Creek sandstone are known to be present in the southern part of Paradise Hill, and may also be present where the hill extends into this township.

All of the wells, except those on Paradise Hill, are shallow. Most of them are not more than 20 feet deep, but the water supply is adequate for all needs. The elevations of the aquifers follow the surface topography fairly closely, which indicates that the upper 35 feet of drift contains much sand and gravel. The sand beds associated with the old stream channels are, nevertheless, continuous, whereas those in the areas of glacial drift have a limited lateral extent. Because of the number of good wells at such shallow depths it is considered very probable that water will continue to be found in this upper part of the drift throughout this township. The water-bearing beds occur between elevations of 1,881 and 1,932 feet. Information on deeper aquifers is not available, but the shale surface cannot be at any great depth, as on Glenbogie Creek, west of the village of Paradise Hill, shale is exposed at an elevation of 1,830 feet, and as high as 1,890 in wells along Whitesand Creek. Assuming a flat surface for the shale north of Whitesand Creek, it would appear that the aquifer just described lies at an horizon only a few feet above the shale surface. Mr. J. Robrich, the driller, reports that water was struck in drilled wells at Bolney at depths of 226 and 200 feet, and that a good supply was encountered in both wells. The elevation of this aquifer would be approximately 1,725 feet. No evidence of a sand member in the shale was observed in any of the outcrops along Saskatchewan and Monnery Rivers although these wells point to the occurrence of such a bed.

Township 52, Range 24. Paradise Hill, which occupies the largest part of this township, rises more than 300 feet above the valley of Glenbogie Creek to the north. The hill is relatively flat on top, and is an erosional remnant. It has a plateau-like appearance, and the ground moraine deposit of boulder till makes good farming soil.

Lea Park shale outcrops along Glenbogie Creek in section 32 at an elevation of 1,830 feet and along the east bank of Saskatchewan River in sections 7 and 18. Beds of the overlying Ribstone Creek sandstone outcrop along the river and are found in wells in the township to the south. These sand beds have elevations ranging between 1,925 and 2,000 feet, and it seems reasonable to expect that they underlie the greater part of the hill below the surface deposit of boulder till.

The water supply in this township is obtained from sand and gravel beds in the glacial drift deposit. This deposit is more than 100 feet thick on the main part of the hill, as the well on SE. section 27 encountered gravel at this depth. On the lower land north and west of the hill its thickness is considerably less. The depths of the wells vary from 9 to 100 feet, but the records show that only two wells are deeper than 50 feet. As the maximum relief in the township is more than 300 feet, the elevations of the aquifers have a very wide range, those for most of the wells on the higher land lying between 2,050 and 2,100 feet. The large number of gravel aquifers suggest fairly widespread deposits, but the elevations of these deposits do not show such uniformity of level as to indicate a continuous bed. It is apparent, though, that the upper 50 feet of drift contains a large number of sand and gravel lenses or pockets suitable for water reservoirs, and as the area is part of a large hill the water in the sand and gravel deposits must come directly from rainfall.

The bedrock sand that is thought to underlie the drift should yield a fair amount of water, especially at some distance from the edge of the hill. The water in this sand, as in the overlying horizons, is derived from rain. For this reason the sand may not be saturated with water and may thus be greatly limited in its usefulness as an aquifer.

Township 52, Range 25. The part of this township in Paradise municipality is a triangular area between Saskatchewan and Monnery Rivers. It is a sandy plain formed during the early stages of the river, and slopes toward the south. Extensive sand and gravel beds are found in it near the surface, and these yield a very good supply of water. This horizon is present in all the wells except those on sections 27 and 34, which may obtain their water from a lower aquifer.

ANALYSES OF WATER SAMPLES FROM RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF PARADISE, NO. 501, SASKATCHEWAN

CONSTITUENTS AS CALCULATED IN ASSUMED COMBINATIONS

CONSTITUENTS AS ANALYSES

| No. Sect. Tp. R. in ft. | Depth of well | Total diss'd solids | CONSTITUENTS AS ANALYSES |     |    |                 |    | Total hardness | CONSTITUENTS AS CALCULATED IN ASSUMED COMBINATIONS |                   |                   |                   |                                 | NaCl                            | Remarks        |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-----|----|-----------------|----|----------------|--|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
|                         |               |                     | Ca                       | Mg  | Na | SO <sub>4</sub> | Cl | Alkalinity     | CaCO <sub>3</sub>                                  | CaSO <sub>4</sub> | MgCO <sub>3</sub> | MgSO <sub>4</sub> | Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> | Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> |                |
| 1 SE 21 51 24 17        |               | 1560                | 229                      | 124 | 97 | 722             | 10 | 530            | 530  | 58                | 614               | 280               | 17                              |                                 | Ribstone Creek |

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|----------|----------|------|-----|------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|          | ¼        | Sec. | Tp. | Rge. | Mer. |              |               |                                 | Above (+)<br>Below (-)<br>Surface | Elev. | Depth                       | Elev. | Geological Horizon |                    |                         |                           |  |
| 1        | SE       | 13   | 50  | 22   | 3    | spring       |               | 1782                            |                                   |       |                             |       | glacial            | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
| 2        | NW       | 18   |     |      |      | dug          | 8             | 1800                            | - 4                               | 1796  | 8                           | 1792  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
|          | NE       | 24   |     |      |      | "            | 60            | 1930                            |                                   |       | 12                          | 1918  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand. Blue clay below     |
| 3        | SE       | 24   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1853                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 1833  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand and gravel        |
| 4        | SE       | 26   |     |      |      | "            | 23            | 1882                            | - 19                              | 1863  | 23                          | 1859  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 5        | SW       | 27   |     |      |      | spring       |               | 1832                            |                                   |       |                             | 1832  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Continuous flow                          |
| 7        | NW       | 31   |     |      |      | bored        | 45            | 1975                            | - 39                              | 1936  | 45                          | 1930  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
| 8        | NW       | 35   |     |      |      | dug          | 20            | 1996                            | - 19                              | 1977  | 20                          | 1976  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Poor supply in gravel- Blue clay below   |
|          | SW       | 1    | 51  | 22   | 3    | bored        | 82            | 1993                            |                                   |       | 82                          | 1911  | glacial            | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in fine sand                 |
|          | NE       | 2    |     |      |      | "            | 40            | 2003                            | - 30                              | 1973  | 30                          | 1973  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                   |
|          | SE       | 5    |     |      |      | dug          | 20            | 1924                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 1904  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply                           |
|          | NW       | 6    |     |      |      | spring       |               | 1766                            |                                   |       |                             | 1766  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
|          | NE       | 10   |     |      |      | bored        | 65            | 1965                            | - 30                              | 1935  | 65                          | 1900  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand and gravel           |
|          | SW       | 12   |     |      |      | dug          | 50            | 2049                            | - 47                              | 2002  | 50                          | 1999  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | SE       | 14   |     |      |      | bored        | 100           | 2051                            | - 80                              | 1971  | 100                         | 1951  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Poor supply in clay                      |
|          | NW       | 17   |     |      |      | dug          | 19            | 1867                            | - 16                              | 1851  | 19                          | 1848  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                      |
|          | NE       | 22   |     |      |      | bored        | 20            | 1945                            | - 11                              | 1934  | 20                          | 1925  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in fine yellow sand          |
|          | SE       | 23   |     |      |      | "            | 80            | 2072                            | - 60                              | 2012  | 80                          | 1992  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | SW       | 24   |     |      |      | dug          | 18            | 2074                            |                                   |       | 18                          | 2056  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | SE       | 24   |     |      |      | bored        | 50            | 2129                            | - 42                              | 2087  | 50                          | 2079  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | NE       | 25   |     |      |      | "            | 35            | 2035                            | - 27                              | 2008  | 35                          | 2000  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | NW       | 25   |     |      |      | dug          | 30            | 2101                            |                                   |       | 30                          | 2071  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                      |
|          | SE       | 26   |     |      |      | bored        | 65            | 2090                            | - 30                              | 2060  | 65                          | 2025  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
|          | SW       | 30   |     |      |      | dug          | 20            | 1919                            | - 12                              | 1907  | 14                          | 1905  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                      |
|          | SE       | 35   |     |      |      | "            | 16            | 2096                            | - 13                              | 2083  | 16                          | 2080  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply                           |
|          | NW       | 35   |     |      |      | bored        | 35            | 2082                            | - 20                              | 2062  | 35                          | 2047  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | SW       | 36   |     |      |      | dug          | 52            | 2119                            | - 32                              | 2087  | 52                          | 2067  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel and sand           |
|          | SW       | 10   |     |      |      | "            | 15            | 1869                            |                                   |       | 15                          | 1854  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
|          |          |      |     |      |      |              |               |                                 |                                   |       |                             |       |                    |                    |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in fine sand                 |
| 1        | NW       | 13   | 51  | 23   | 3    | dug          | 14            | 1900                            | - 10                              | 1890  | 14                          | 1886  | glacial            | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 2        | NW       | 17   |     |      |      | "            | 10            | 1925                            | - 9                               | 1916  | 10                          | 1915  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 3        | NW       | 18   |     |      |      | "            | 40            | 1930                            | - 20                              | 1910  | 40                          | 1890  | "                  | "                  |                         | S.                        | Good supply in sand and gravel           |
| 4        | SW       | 20   |     |      |      | "            | 60            | 1951                            | - 14                              | 1937  | 25                          | 1926  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand above shale          |
| 5        | SE       | 21   |     |      |      | "            | 32            | 1858                            | - 27                              | 1831  | 32                          | 1826  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 6        | NW       | 21   |     |      |      | "            | 6             | 1850                            | - 4                               | 1846  | 6                           | 1844  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 7        | NE       | 22   |     |      |      | bored        | 42            | 1912                            | - 20                              | 1892  | 42                          | 1870  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 8        | NW       | 24   |     |      |      | dug          | 14            | 1923                            | - 10                              | 1913  | 14                          | 1909  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 9        | NW       | 25   |     |      |      | "            | 30            | 1939                            |                                   |       | 30                          | 1909  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 10       | SE       | 26   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1925                            | - 15                              | 1910  | 20                          | 1905  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
| 11       | SE       | 28   |     |      |      | "            | 40            | 1902                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 1862  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 12       | SW       | 28   |     |      |      | "            | 12            | 1902                            |                                   |       | 12                          | 1890  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sandy clay above shale |
| 13       | SW       | 30   |     |      |      | "            | 35            | 1989                            |                                   |       | 35                          | 1954  | "                  | "                  |                         | S.                        | Good supply                              |
| 14       | NE       | 30   |     |      |      | spring       |               | 1926                            |                                   |       |                             | 1926  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Continuous flow                          |
| 15       | NE       | 31   |     |      |      | bored        | 40            | 2072                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 2032  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in <del>fine</del> sand      |
| 16       | NW       | 32   |     |      |      | "            | 44            | 2038                            | - 36                              | 2002  | 30                          | 2008  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in fine sand                 |
| 17       | NW       | 32   |     |      |      | dug          | 15            | 2005                            | - 10                              | 1995  | 15                          | 1990  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 18       | NE       | 33   |     |      |      | bored        | 30            | 1880                            |                                   |       | 30                          | 1850  | "                  | "                  |                         | N.                        | Good supply in fine sand. Stock well     |
| 19       | NE       | 34   |     |      |      | dug          | 20            | 1938                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 1918  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply 20 feet deep.             |
| 20       | SW       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 14            | 1888                            | - 10                              | 1878  | 14                          | 1874  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |

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|----------|----------|------|-----|------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--|
|          | Q        | Sec. | Tp. | Rge. | Mer. |              |               |                                 | Above (+)<br>Below (-)<br>Surface | Elev. | Depth                       | Elev. | Geological Horizon |                    |                         |                           |  |
|          | NW       | 14   | 51  | 24   | 3    | dug          | 20            | 1945                            | - 14                              | 1931  | 20                          | 1925  | Ribstone Creek?    | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | NE       | 14   |     |      |      | "            | 40            | 1958                            | - 20                              | 1938  | 40                          | 1918  | glacial            | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
|          | NW       | 15   |     |      |      | spring       |               | 1925                            |                                   |       |                             |       |                    | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Continuous flow                          |
|          | SE       | 21   |     |      |      | dug          | 17            | 2008                            |                                   |       | 17                          | 1991  | Ribstone Creek     | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply on top of sandstone          |
|          | SE       | 22   |     |      |      | drilled      | 300           | 2131                            |                                   |       |                             |       |                    | "                  |                         |                           | Dry hole                                 |
|          | SE       | 22   |     |      |      | dug          | 35            | 2131                            | - 20                              | 2111  | 35                          | 2096  | glacial            | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
|          | NW       | 24   |     |      |      | "            | 16            | 2082                            |                                   |       | 16                          | 2066  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | SE       | 25   |     |      |      | "            | 12            | 2023                            | - 6                               | 2017  | 12                          | 2011  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                   |
|          | NW       | 26   |     |      |      | bored        | 70            | 2135                            |                                   |       | 70                          | 2065  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
|          | SE       | 28   |     |      |      | dug          | 24            | 2128                            |                                   |       | 24                          | 2104  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in blue clay                 |
|          | NE       | 28   |     |      |      | bored        | 35            | 2120                            | - 25                              | 2095  | 35                          | 2085  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | NE       | 30   |     |      |      | dug          | 16            | 1896                            | - 10                              | 1886  | 16                          | 1880  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
|          | SW       | 31   |     |      |      | "            | 17            | 1889                            | - 10                              | 1879  | 17                          | 1872  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in fine sand                 |
|          | SE       | 32   |     |      |      | bored        | 58            | 2078                            | - 38                              | 2040  | 58                          | 2020  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
|          | NW       | 33   |     |      |      | "            | 90            | 2101                            | - 85                              | 2016  | 90                          | 2011  | "                  | "                  |                         | S.                        | (Seepage supply in blue clay             |
|          | NW       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 72            | 2116                            |                                   |       | 72                          | 2044  | "                  | "                  |                         |                           | (Water for domestic use from well 20 ft. |
|          | NE       | 34   |     |      |      | dug          | 20            | 2127                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 2107  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Poor supply in gravel                    |
|          | SE       | 34   |     |      |      | bored        | 35            | 2133                            | - 13                              | 2120  | 35                          | 2098  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Poor supply                              |
|          |          |      |     |      |      |              |               |                                 |                                   |       |                             |       |                    |                    |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
| 1        | SE       | 2    | 52  | 22   | 3    | drilled      | 111           | 2100                            |                                   |       | 111                         | 1989  | glacial            | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                   |
| 2        | NE       | 2    |     |      |      | dug          | 40            | 2110                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 2070  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                   |
| 3        | SE       | 3    |     |      |      | bored        | 59            | 2014                            | - 42                              | 1972  | 59                          | 1955  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel and clay           |
| 4        | SE       | 6    |     |      |      | dug          | 14            | 1890                            | - 10                              | 1880  | 14                          | 1876  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand and gravel           |
| 5        | NW       | 12   |     |      |      | "            | 22            | 2078                            | - 10                              | 2068  | 22                          | 2056  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Abundant supply in sand                  |
| 6        | SW       | 12   |     |      |      | "            | 40            | 2075                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 2035  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      |  |
| 7        | SW       | 13   |     |      |      | bored        | 80            | 2080                            | - 40                              | 2040  | 80                          | 2000  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 8        | SE       | 22   |     |      |      | dug          | 38            | 2018                            | - 18                              | 2000  | 38                          | 1980  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 9        | SW       | 24   |     |      |      | bored        | 62            | 2081                            | - 30                              | 2051  | 62                          | 2019  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 10       | NE       | 24   |     |      |      | "            | 60            | 2078                            | - 55                              | 2023  | 60                          | 2018  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 11       | SW       | 25   |     |      |      | dug          | 30            | 2060                            | - 25                              | 2035  | 28                          | 2032  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 12       | NE       | 26   |     |      |      | bored        | 60            | 2069                            | - 30                              | 2039  | 60                          | 2009  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                    |
| 13       | SE       | 27   |     |      |      | "            | 40            | 2014                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 1974  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Well flowed at first                     |
| 14       | NE       | 27   |     |      |      | dug          | 28            | 2016                            | - 20                              | 1996  | 28                          | 1988  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 15       | SE       | 32   |     |      |      | "            | 38            | 1957                            | - 28                              | 1929  | 38                          | 1919  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                              |
| 16       | NE       | 32   |     |      |      | "            | 25            | 1966                            | - 20                              | 1946  | 25                          | 1941  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 17       | NE       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 30            | 1965                            | - 27                              | 1938  | 30                          | 1935  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                   |
| 18       | SE       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 37            | 2018                            | - 25                              | 1993  | 37                          | 1981  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 19       | SE       | 36   |     |      |      | bored        | 100           | 2029                            | - 70                              | 1959  | 100                         | 1929  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |
| 20       | NW       | 36   |     |      |      | dug          | 56            | 2051                            |                                   |       | 56                          | 1995  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                      |

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| 1        | SW       | 1    | 52  | 25   | 3    | dug          | 18            | 1925                            | - 14                              | 1911  | 18                          | 1907  | glacial            | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 2        | NE       | 2    |     |      |      | "            | 14            | 1930                            | - 10                              | 1920  | 14                          | 1916  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 3        | NW       | 2    |     |      |      | "            | 35            | 1948                            | - 30                              | 1918  | 35                          | 1913  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 4        | SE       | 3    |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1875                            | - 15                              | 1860  | 20                          | 1855  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
|          | SW       | 5    |     |      |      | "            | 56            | 2038                            | - 50                              | 1988  | 56                          | 1982  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in gravel                   |
| 5        | NE       | 7    |     |      |      | "            | 13            | 1945                            | - 9                               | 1936  | 13                          | 1932  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 6        | NE       | 8    |     |      |      | "            | 13            | 1895                            | - 8                               | 1887  | 13                          | 1882  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 7        | NW       | 14   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1920                            | - 17                              | 1903  | 20                          | 1900  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 8        | NE       | 14   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1935                            | - 18                              | 1917  | 20                          | 1915  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 9        | NE       | 18   |     |      |      | "            | 22            | 1915                            | - 17                              | 1898  | 22                          | 1893  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 10       | NW       | 19   |     |      |      | spring       |               | 1990                            |                                   |       |                             |       | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Continuous flow                            |
| 11       | SW       | 22   |     |      |      | dug          | 30            | 1935                            | - 22                              | 1913  | 30                          | 1905  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 12       | SW       | 23   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1940                            | - 12                              | 1928  | 20                          | 1920  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 13       | NE       | 28   |     |      |      | "            | 12            | 1898                            | - 10                              | 1888  | 12                          | 1886  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 14       | SW       | 30   |     |      |      | "            | 17            | 1935                            | - 15                              | 1920  | 17                          | 1918  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 15       | SW       | 31   |     |      |      | "            | 25            | 1906                            | - 16                              | 1890  | 25                          | 1881  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                        |
| 16       | SW       | 32   |     |      |      | "            | 28            | 1900                            | - 25                              | 1875  | 28                          | 1872  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply. Dry hole 72 feet in blue clay |
| 17       | NW       | 32   |     |      |      | "            | 15            | 1900                            | - 10                              | 1890  | 15                          | 1885  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 18       | NW       | 33   |     |      |      | "            | 6             | 1910                            |                                   |       | 6                           | 1904  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 19       | SW       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 8             | 1925                            | - 5                               | 1920  | 8                           | 1920  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 20       | NE       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1910                            |                                   |       | 14                          | 1896  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand and gravel             |
| 1        | NW       | 2    | 52  | 24   | 3    | dug          | 40            | 2090                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 2050  | glacial            | hard               |                         | S.                        | Good supply                                |
| 2        | NE       | 3    |     |      |      | bored        | 30            | 2120                            | - 15                              | 2105  | 30                          | 2090  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 3        | NW       | 4    |     |      |      | "            | 28            | 2100                            | - 14                              | 2086  | 18                          | 2082  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                        |
| 4        | NW       | 5    |     |      |      | dug          | 34            | 2068                            | - 30                              | 2038  | 34                          | 2034  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 5        | NE       | 6    |     |      |      | "            | 15            | 1992                            | - 12                              | 1980  | 15                          | 1977  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                      |
| 6        | NW       | 8    |     |      |      | "            | 28            | 2045                            | - 26                              | 2019  | 28                          | 2017  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 7        | NW       | 9    |     |      |      | bored        | 50            | 2112                            |                                   |       | 50                          | 2062  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                                |
| 8        | SE       | 13   |     |      |      | dug          | 12            | 2100                            | - 10                              | 2090  | 12                          | 2088  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 9        | SE       | 14   |     |      |      | "            | 25            | 2100                            |                                   |       | 25                          | 2075  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                      |
| 10       | NW       | 15   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 2135                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 2115  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 11       | NE       | 17   |     |      |      | bored        | 62            | 2070                            |                                   |       | 62                          | 2008  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                      |
| 12       | SE       | 18   |     |      |      | dug          | 9             | 1985                            | - 5                               | 1980  | 9                           | 1976  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                        |
| 13       | SE       | 20   |     |      |      | bored        | 52            | 2060                            |                                   |       | 50                          | 2010  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 14       | NE       | 21   |     |      |      | dug          | 12            | 2084                            | - 10                              | 2074  | 10                          | 2074  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Sufficient in gravel                       |
| 15       | SW       | 22   |     |      |      | bored        | 50            | 2142                            |                                   |       | 50                          | 2092  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.                        | Not enough                                 |
| 16       | NW       | 23   |     |      |      | "            | 32            | 2152                            |                                   |       | 32                          | 2120  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.                        | Limited supply in clay                     |
| 17       | NW       | 25   |     |      |      | dug          | 10            | 1910                            |                                   |       | 10                          | 1900  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 18       | SW       | 26   |     |      |      | "            | 12            | 2156                            |                                   |       | 12                          | 2144  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |
| 19       | SE       | 26   |     |      |      | bored        | 40            | 2148                            |                                   |       | 22                          | 2126  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in sand                     |
| 20       | SE       | 27   |     |      |      | "            | 101           | 2148                            |                                   |       | 100                         | 2046  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Limited supply in gravel                   |
| 21       | SW       | 28   |     |      |      | dug          | 40            | 2083                            |                                   |       | 40                          | 2045  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                        |
| 22       | NE       | 30   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1828                            | - 18                              | 1810  | 20                          | 1808  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Poor supply in sand                        |
| 23       | SE       | 31   |     |      |      | "            | 10            | 1841                            | - 9                               | 1832  | 10                          | 1831  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel                      |
| 24       | SW       | 31   |     |      |      | "            | 14            | 1735                            | - 10                              | 1725  | 14                          | 1721  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                                |
| 25       | NE       | 32   |     |      |      | bored        | 20            | 1827                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 1807  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                                |
| 26       | SW       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 50            | 2086                            |                                   |       | 50                          | 2016  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in clay                        |
|          | NW       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 50            | 1847                            | - 36                              | 1811  | 50                          | 1797  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply                                |
| 27       | SE       | 35   |     |      |      | dug          | 12            | 1977                            |                                   |       | 12                          | 1965  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand                        |

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# WELL RECORDS—Rural Municipality of Paradise No. 501, SASKATCHEWAN.

| WELL No. | LOCATION |      |     |      |      | TYPE OF WELL | DEPTH OF WELL | ALTITUDE WELL (above sea level) | HEIGHT TO WHICH WATER WILL RISE   |       | PRINCIPAL WATER-BEARING BED |       |                    | CHARACTER OF WATER | TEMP. OF WATER (in °F.) | USE TO WHICH WATER IS PUT | YIELD AND REMARKS              |
|----------|----------|------|-----|------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|          | M        | Sec. | Tp. | Rge. | Mer. |              |               |                                 | Above (+)<br>Below (—)<br>Surface | Elev. | Depth                       | Elev. | Geological Horizon |                    |                         |                           |                                |
| 1        | NE       | 25   | 52  | 25   | 3    | dug          | 8             | 1786                            |                                   |       | 8                           | 1778  | glacial            | hard               |                         | D.                        | Limited supply in gravel       |
| 2        | YE       | 26   |     |      |      | "            | 7             | 1830                            | - 5                               | 1825  | 7                           | 1823  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel          |
| 3        | KW       | 26   |     |      |      | "            | 6             | 1831                            |                                   |       | 6                           | 1825  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel          |
| 4        | FE       | 27   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1772                            |                                   |       | 20                          | 1752  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel          |
| 5        | SW       | 34   |     |      |      | "            | 25            | 1784                            |                                   |       | 26                          | 1756  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand            |
| 6        | NW       | 35   |     |      |      | "            | 6             | 1900                            | - 4                               | 1896  | 6                           | 1894  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in gravel          |
| 7        | SW       | 35   |     |      |      | "            | 6             | 1836                            | - 4                               | 1832  | 6                           | 1830  | "                  | "                  |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand and gravel |
| 8        | NE       | 35   |     |      |      | "            | 20            | 1885                            | - 18                              | 1867  | 20                          | 1865  | "                  | soft               |                         | D.S.                      | Good supply in sand and gravel |
| 9        | SW       | 36   |     |      |      | "            | 10            | 1860                            | - 5                               | 1855  | 10                          | 1850  | "                  | hard               |                         | D.S.                      | Abundant supply in sand        |

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