

I traversed the Beave River and the shore
line of Lake Nipissing with a telescope
fitted with Stadia wires and found it
worked very satisfactorily; the small
Lake at the ~~middle~~ ^{eastern} part of Van
Township, I triangulated from a measured
base.

This Township has been several times overrun
by fire and consequently but little living
timber remains, along part of the shore
of Lake Nipissing there is a belt of green
timber composed of oak, Elm, Birch &c.
of but little value; in places also along
the shore of the Beave River there is a
narrow belt of green woods, but no
timber suitable for marketable purposes.

Throughout the months of July, & August
of this year the southern portion of the
Township bordering on the Lake shore was
flooded to about 20 chains ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ width
owing no doubt to the unusually high
water of the past season; The southern
portion of the Township is very rough