

have been found then of the very first quality
 bituminous coal & gravel is frequently found in sinking
 wells & sand of the finest kind & clay of various
 kinds is to be found on the banks of the rivers &
 in the beds of Do — but the Soil of soils the Prince
 of soils from which vegetation in all its Mighty & Gigantic
 proportions in all its Magestic growth & with electric
 Speed is a fine black mould running in many cases
 a foot ^{down} from the surface this soil appears capable of
 producing any whatever you plow your ground & plant
 & plant your seed & rake or harrow it in you have
 no more trouble with it as it regards Cultivation no Moulding
 no hoeing but it springs up through every obstacle &
 grows with amazing rapidity what I have said as it regards
 the soil in reference to one part of the territory will hold good
 with other parts with but few exceptions

The Various kinds of timber growing on the soil

Among the noble trees of the forest will stand foremost
 the gigantee Oak of an immense height & frequently 50 feet
 through of these kind of trees we find it very convenient
 to make shingle for our cabins next is the Black Walnut
 which frequently grows very large the wood is very hard &
 will resist insects of any kind being exceedingly durable &
 capable of bearing the most beautiful polish being of a most