

# STUMP LAKE---HOW NAMED

Old Timers Tell of Never Failing  
Wood Supply from the Old  
Lake.

Bismarck, Aug. 10.—Arnold Michelson, in charge of the State Historical Society, has been presented with a photograph of Stump lake, showing the sunken forest. This remarkable body of water is situated in Nelson county near the town of Tolna. Alf Eastgate, who sent the picture, accompanied it with the following letter:

"The name of Stump lake was given to Lake Wamaduaka by the first white men that ever saw it, for the reason that the shores were covered with dead timber. The water was full of wood and for 31 years to my personal knowledge the settlers have been taking out wood each year and the end is far from sight. As the water in the lake lowers more wood shows up. We often get trees out with the larger roots still on that measure from 60 to 75 feet in length. In ages past the lake was much lower than at present and timber covered the shores. But the rising of the water at least 60 feet killed the trees and the action of the ice broke them down and pushed them up on shore each spring. Thousands of cords of wood have been taken out of this body of water."

The picture shows the dead trunks of great trees and logs which cover the ground for a long distance. The lake has become a great curiosity.