

Dr. Walbank has favored me with the census, which is as follows:—155 men, 64 women, 60 boys, and 67 girls—making a total of 346 souls.

In concluding this Report, I must express some fear that I may have omitted to make remarks on some subject which might be of interest to the Company; but I beg you will take into consideration the short time I have been here, and the varied and constant claims on my attention.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed,) A. TREGONING,

*Manager.*

P. S.—Montreal, 22d February.—Since the meeting, letters have been received from the Mines, of date 30th January, an extract of which is subjoined:

#### SMELTING WORKS.

It will afford the Directors the greatest satisfaction to learn that our progress in this department has been highly encouraging. On the 24th inst. we recommenced refining, and have succeeded in producing 484 Cakes of fine Copper, weighing 22 tons, 3 qrs. 7 lbs., which will, with what is already in the store, (as reported in my last), amount to 813 Cakes, weighing 36 tons, 3 cwt., 1 qr., and 17 lbs. (English weight.) This amount of fine Copper has been produced in a most regular and systematic manner. The refining bottom, I am happy to say, is to all appearance perfectly firm, nor is this all, for we have a considerable amount of Metal from the Ore Furnaces, which has been produced in a similar pleasing manner, only a slight accident having happened, more through the inability of a Canadian assistant in the Smelting Works, than any defect in the material. We shall of course continue to reduce the rich old bottoms with this metal.

It is vain to regret that hitherto the Company have suffered so much disappointment, trouble and expense from the Smelting Works. It has been principally owing to the bad material used