

being only five miles from that river, and about twenty-six from Thunder Bay. We only remained here a few moments and then proceeded on our journey, and at noon reached the Osconegon River, which is scarcely so large as the Matawan, but is a very fine stream. Having dined at this place, and been provided with fresh horses for the waggons, another start was made, and in a short time we again came in sight of the Matawan, and were seldom out of sight of it until we reached Lake Shebandowan. At five o'clock, p. m., we arrived at Shebandowan Landing, which is nearly fifty miles from Thunder Bay, by the road. Here we found, in addition to a large stone house and several shanties, a large and comfortable two-story house, provided for the use of immigrants; the ground floor is divided into two parts, and in the upper story are four or five rooms, the entire length of the house being 40 ft. x 30 ft. in width. If houses similar to this are to be constructed at all the stopping places it will add much to the comfort of emigrants who may come by this road in future years.

My comrades, with the exception of one man—a butcher, who remained to get ready some meat for the force—had taken their departure about an hour before our arrival, and orders were left for that man and myself to proceed with our stores in company with the voyageurs to-morrow morning. It was within a few miles of this place that gold was recently discovered, and as the region is also rich in other metals it will probably be the scene of much activity next year and in all future years.

SUNDAY, 29th.—At eight o'clock this morning we embarked in one of the boats provided for the first expedition, and which are to be used for us likewise, for the next 400 miles. These boats are of several sizes, and are from 25 to 30 ft. in length, five or six feet in width, and from three or four feet in depth, with six, seven, or eight oars,