nt are rapids. at \$77,214,326. There were 7.013 establishments of all kinds, employing ken navigation 48,910 hands, to whom was paid in wages the sum of \$13,575,642, and the times, at high value of raw material used was placed at \$45,851,266.

The Bad Axe. es."1

It is to be re-

sent decade for

We have spoken of the early settlement of the North-West commencing floating timber from the north-eastern part of Wisconsin, in our Introduction. From the te. The rivers first attempts at white civilisation, the history of the region was merely the rable for com- history of the posts of Green Bay and Prairie du Chien, until after the surrender of the former, with the control of the state, to the United States he rapid growth by the British in 1796. That portion of the history of Wisconsin properly $f{t}$ of the region coming within the scope of this work, will be found in the papers following to the energy upon the salient points of interest in the state.

THE METROPOLIS OF WISCONSIN.

y of this busy. The site of the present important commercial and manufacturing city go by, that we of Milwaukee was probably first visited by the white man in the person of ort of the U. S. Pere Marquette, who is believed to have stopped there *en route* from Green terial growth up Bay to Chicago, in October. 1674. Two years later another missionary, l that our pride Pere Claude Albouez, visited the place. With the exception of a short d excusably in stay made in the locality by Jean Buisson de St. Comes, who was storm of which 1,051; bound there in 1699, nobody seems to have touched at Milwaukee, for anyans. The latterthing we know to the contrary, until 1762, when Lieutenant Gorrell, of the e red man had British American service, stopped there for a short time. lisputed, withir der Laframbois came from Mackinaw and established himself as a trader, ndians is knowremaining six years, at the end of which time he returned and was succeeded total population by his brother. Not long after the latter was killed by the Winneba, ses, upon the patrion the Rock river. In 1795 Jacques Vieux and Jean Baptiste Mirandeau moved in from Green Bay, reviving the trading business left vacant by the ed to 5,899,343 death of Laframbois. At about the beginning of the present century. ved land to the probably from 1805-1806 to 1810-1812. Jean Baptiste Beaubien, an agent s was placed afor Mr. John Kinzie, of Chicago, had a trading post at the foot of ery \$14,239,364**Ch**estnut street. The permanent white settlement of Milwankee began in enhanced valual818, in which year Solomon Juneau located and engaged in trade with produced \$819.the Indians. Nothing further was done worthy of mention in the way of he value of anidevelopment watti 1833, when a number of Chicago settlers came, antici-3, and the totapating the withdrawal of the aborigines, which according to the Treaty of n the state 252.Chicago was to take place in 1836.

9.282 sheep, 512. Should the reader look upon the building recently erected by the Hon. in great number Alexander Mitchell, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul R. pushels of spring, at the south-east corner of East Water and Michigan streets, and try dian corn; 960 o carry his mind back a matter of fifty odd years, to the time when Juneau eese, and 4,630 puilt his modest frame house on the same lot, he might be able to conceive allons, and mansomething of the wonderful progress made by the town during the years ioned. The manha elapsed between the building of these two representative structures. year 1870, value What would the pioneer of Milwaukee have thought if he could have seen with the eye of prophecy that noble pile, the most magnificent and costly