

R E P O R T
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN MINING
COMPANY OF LAKE SUPERIOR.

Montreal, 2d January, 1847.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE

British and Canadian Mining Company of Lake Superior.

The Trustees have the honor to report, That in order to carry out the views of the Association, the services of E. H. Thomson, Esquire, as Superintendent, and of J. T. Hodge, Esquire, as Geologist and mineral explorer, were secured. Mr. Hodge is a gentleman well known in the scientific world, and was strongly recommended as a person of undoubted knowledge and talent, and in whom every confidence could be placed; Mr. Thomson's energy and capacity rendered him in every way qualified for the trust reposed in him. The expedition, at the head of which were these gentlemen, after visiting several parts of Lake Superior, selected as a location for this Company, the island named Prince Albert's Island and the land in rear of the same, with a front of two miles on the lake by five miles in depth, for a full description of which the Trustees refer to the several reports of Mr. Hodge and of Mr. Thomson, and to the map hereunto appended.

No progress has been made in mining beyond that of testing the veins, but sufficiently to induce the employment of a party of miners as early as the navigation will admit their reaching the island, in order more fully to test the veins, and if found of the expected value, forthwith to commence mining operations; but the trustees do not advise any expenditure in machinery, until such time as it will have been fully proved that the ores are there found in sufficient quantities to warrant its purchase.