

St. Marie, waiting for the vessel with which arrangements had been made to take him up to Mamainse.

Unfortunately, when he did sail, the vessel ran ashore on the American side, during a snow storm, and was so much damaged as to be unable to proceed on her voyage. A portion of the winter stores and provisions on board were injured, and some destroyed altogether; but our loss on these will not amount to more than £30. If, however, we take into calculation the wages of the whole Mining party, from the time they started until the time they returned, our pecuniary loss will be upwards of £100. This, however, is of less consequence than the loss of time entailed on us by this accident, for Captain Hodge being unable at that late season, to procure another vessel, was obliged to abandon all idea of going up, and hastened to return here before the close of the navigation. Everything will be ready, however, for an early start next summer, to be afterwards prosecuted steadily through the winter, if the Mine only continues to improve as it has hitherto done. The cost of last summer's operations was £281 17s 1d.

I cannot conclude under this head without mentioning that we are under deep obligation to Mr. Wilson, Collector of Customs at Sault Ste. Marie, for services rendered on many occasions, but more particularly on this. When, besides assisting in securing our property, he, at no little risk and severe personal exposure, succeeded in bringing down here the men who had been left at Mamainse, waiting the arrival of Captain Hodge.

#### WELLINGTON MINE.

The spirited Company to whom the lease of our west end has been now assigned, are progressing finely with their works. A substantial Engine House of stone has been built, and a Jigging House, 100 feet by 50, constructed of wood; sixteen dwelling houses have been erected, together with an office; blacksmith's shop, carpenter's shop, warehouse, powder house, stables, &c., &c. An extensive wharf has also been completed. They have 49 men and 12 boys employed at present; of these 23 men are Miners. The new Lode discovered on their sett a short time ago, is situated about 200 fathoms north