

virtually to amount to a prohibition to work the mines. Let us hope that wiser counsels will prevail, and that capitalists will be allowed to invest their money in the mines without the imposition of an enormous tax on the produce to the Government. It is only by a liberal policy of this kind that the country can be raised from its present wilderness state, so as to equal the wonderful progress that has been made within the last 25 years on the American side of the Lake.

As an Agricultural Country, it will never be very valuable,—it is too hilly. There are patches of good land, however, at the bottom of its deep Bays, and in the valleys of the Rivers. The best land of all is in the valley of the Kamenistoquia River, at Fort William, 10 miles up which is a fine lot of elm trees,—the only trees of the kind throughout the whole length and breadth of the land.

I intended giving a description in this paper of the locality in which the Silver mines near Fort William are found; that, however, must be reserved for a future occasion, and I will conclude by giving the result of a year's observations of the Thermometer, at Michipicoton, Lat 47°, '56. Long 83°, '5. or 5 hrs. 40 min. 20 sec. short of Greenwich time nearly, the times of observation being 7 a.m. 2 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively, and for the year 1856.

1856	Mean	Max.	Min.
January.....	7.6	36	30
February.....	9.2	39	35
March.....	16.4	49	31
April.....	38.9	64	2
May.....	47.8	69	28
June.....	57.5	86	38
July.....	62.4	85	41
August.....	59.2	94	32
September.....	51.8	75	32
October.....	44.8	67	21
November.....	28.8	47	3
December.....	11.5	35	28

Mean of year 1856, 36.32

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