

nery, and, if practicable, to bring down a fair sample of fine copper before the close of the navigation. Good progress was made during the succeeding two months, but in September the cholera made its appearance, and with such fatal effect, in the first instance, as to spread dismay in the settlement. Some of the best mechanics and laborers left it, and for a time the buildings were nearly at a stand. Fortunately the epidemic spent its force in a couple of weeks, when fresh hands were brought from Toronto and Detroit, and the season proving favorable, the buildings were run up and covered in before the winter came on.

For more ample details of the improvements made at the settlement during the season, and for the present state and prospects of the Mines, the Directors beg leave to refer to the Reports of Mr. Campbell, the Manager, and Mr. Palmer, the Mining Captain, printed herewith. These Reports are very full, and in the main highly satisfactory.

It will be seen that the further opening of the Mine confirms the opinion entertained of its richness and durability, and that, in the opinion of the Manager, an additional force may be, next season, employed in it with advantage, a subject that will necessarily engage the early attention of the new Board of Directors,—that the Engine House is a most substantial building, well adapted for its purpose, and that the laborious task of fitting and setting up the engine and crusher has been successfully accomplished, and both found to work smoothly and satisfactorily,—that the smelting works are well advanced, and the furnaces erected doing good work; but the number agreed upon last spring, and required to keep pace with the Mine, cannot be completed before next summer. There will then be an abundant supply of bricks produced from the yard formed near the works, and this addition to the establishment will operate a saving, as well as a convenience in the future progress of business. It was intended to have had the vertical section