

of that previously discovered. This "Digging" is situated on an entirely different Lode to the other; but the Miners who had only engaged for three months were so desirous of leaving, that Mr. Coatsworth was only able to make a very partial opening on one end of the old Trench, apparently made by the Indians. This opening had not attained a sufficient depth to enable me to form a decided opinion, as to how far it may be productive in Native Copper, or indeed whether it will bear Native Copper at all. But judging from the size of the Lode, (which is from three to four feet in width) from the regularity of the walls, and from the mineral soils, largely impregnated as they are with the green carbonate of Copper; I am strongly persuaded that if it carries Native Copper as we sink deeper, it will prove the most valuable discovery yet made on the location. Like many other Mines on the South Shore, silver is found associated with the Native Copper, but in no great abundance as yet.

After my visit to Mamainse in August, and from which I returned here on the 1st of September, I felt anxious to continue on our operations throughout the winter; but limited as I was to an expenditure of about £300, I hesitated in making any positive arrangements to do so, until I had consulted you on the subject. This and the further delay entailed by my journey to Toronto, in expectation of meeting with and consulting other members of the Board, lost us the greater part of the month of September. When I got back to the Mine, I engaged a strong building party, and started off with them myself as quickly as possible, to put up the necessary houses for a winter mining party, which I intended should be composed of a Mine Captain, and eight Miners. We experienced some difficulty and delay in getting up our oxen and materials for the houses, for want of a suitable vessel. A good squared log house was, however, put up for the Captain of the Mine, and a Boarding-House for the men, also a Blacksmith's shop and shanty. The carpenter returned with his party about the 9th of November. Captain Hodge, in charge of the Mining party, left this on the 2nd November, but was detained seven days at Sault

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