

## MACKINAW IN HISTORY.

It was with a feeling of satisfaction that I took up a recent pamphlet of 220 pages, bearing the title, "Mackinaw, formerly Michilimackinac. Looking backwards to about the time of the flood, and forward to the present time. By Col. John R. Bailey," for many years Post surgeon at Fort Mackinaw. In view of Dr. Bailey's long residence at Mackinaw and vicinity, and the opportunities thus afforded for historical research, I felt certain that I should find not only a pleasing recital of well ascertained facts, but a possible solution of questions which to me have seemed undetermined. But in scanning these pages for evidence of original research or answers to puzzling queries, I met not only disappointment but an astounding array of inaccuracies of statement, at points where it seems inexcusable.

The title of the first chapter seems misleading—"Mackinaw, formerly Michilimackinac."

To the modern reader, Mackinaw is a lovely