

Mine, Mr. Campbell, disgusted apparently with shipbuilding, was now determined to be right but went as far wrong in the other direction. He ordered a *Whale boat, coppered and copper fastened*, with all her appertenances, from Boston ! Whether he had in view the catching of whales in the Lake or not, I leave others to judge, but such is the fact, that the boat was procured, and is there yet to speak for herself. Mr. Cockburn stated that it was brought up by Railroad and Steamer from Boston, and cost, delivered at the Mines with her fittings, the trifling sum of *one hundred and seventy-five pounds*, and that so far as he knew she had never done anything but convey Mr. Campbell once, on a trip to Lake Superior.

The boat, however good she may be for whaling purposes, is by no means well fitted for use on the Lake, and a much better in every respect could be procured at Mackinaw for £12 10s.

I cannot take time to specify the particulars of his *brick making speculation*, but, it will suffice to say, that after crediting all the bricks made by him at the cost of importing them from Detroit, there remains a balance at the Dr of the account in the Company's books of about £450.

As a fitting conclusion to this Letter, I subjoin an extract from Mr. Campbell's last Report, shewing that besides being a Miner, Engineer, House Architect, Naval Architect, and Brickmaker, he is also a prose-poet of considerable pretensions and indulges occasionally in extraordinary flights of fancy.

"The course I recommend is the only one which can make the Mine pay, but it done I firmly believe, that you might count on a clear profit of £8 a month for every man employed under ground. I would also remind the Board that if it is not done this winter, stoping, to any paying extent, cannot be carried on next summer, and in the fall of 1852, the prospects of the Company will be even more gloomy than they are at present,—the cloud which now obscures the sun and appears ready to burst, will be thicker and heavier from being sur-charged with another year's

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