

to the height of 113 feet, and the ridge was traced more than a mile and a half. I find the details in the Geological Reports of the State of Michigan, made by the U. S. surveyors. They are of great interest, as they disclose to the world the existence of deposits of iron which have no precedent elsewhere, and before which the celebrated Iron Mountain of Missouri sinks into insignificance. The means of information which I have at hand, afford me data for a very lengthy article regarding iron deposit, which will form the topic of my next number.

How far this iron region extends into our State, is uncertain, as the district traversed by surveyors extended only to the northern and eastern side of the Menomonee river. I have no doubt that similar ridges will be found, higher up, on the Wisconsin side of the river. The country in which this iron ore is found, is based upon a slate formation, which crops out in places, particularly in the rapids of streams. In one place, the water falls more than twenty feet, over a bed of magnetic iron ore, and received the name of the "Iron Cascade" on that account. This iron ore can be smelted on the spot where it is found, as hard maple, beech, yellow birch, and other woods abound in the immediate locality, suitable for making charcoal for smelting purposes. The ores make the very best quality of bar iron, superior to the best Swede's iron, as has been proved by actual experiment.

The whole region of the northern peninsula of Michigan, between the St. Mary and Montreal rivers, is characterized by many interesting geological features. Within those limits may be found the igneous and sedimentary rocks, with their different combinations. Granite, sand-stone, the different varieties of slate, limestone in varieties, including the lead-bearing limestone, and beautiful varieties of marble, are to be found in this region.

Immediately adjoining the shore of Lake Superior, and in the vicinity of Ontonagon, one of the northern points of terminus for this North-Eastern railroad, is found a variety of