

the 9th article all the country bordering on the Misissipi from the Wiskonsin to Rock river was secured to the Ottawau's, Chippeways, and Pootowotomees of the *Illinois country*. The Lead Mines which have been worked are chiefly in this district. This was the first treaty to which the *Winnb.* were parties which related to the cession of this territory. Indian Treaties, p. 363.<sup>1</sup>

The soil of the lands lying between Grand Bay & Lake Michigan is of a superior quality. That country is also known to be fertile which borders upon the (Neenah) Fox River and Winnebago Lake and extends east to Lake Michigan and south to the state of Illinois. The corn which is raised by the Winnebagoes in this and the country near the Portage is sold in considerable quantities to the merchants at that place and at Green Bay. The climate at the latter place is pleasant and its health is undoubted. All the land on the upper branches of Rock River is represented to me to be exceedingly rich & productive. On the Wiskonsin and Misissipi River the soil is not so universally good. Hills which are steep and occasionally precipitous with vallies of no width render some parts of the country almost impassable. When these hills are ascended their tops appear to be nearly on the same level, and when they are passed from either of these streams the country opens into Prairies which continue until they are intersected by other rivers. The lowlands and the sides of a few hills only are well timbered. The *fires* which annually run over this country have doubtless destroyed many of its forests. The discoveries of lead which are daily making in the region south of the Wiskonsin render this more interesting and valuable at present than any other part of the Territory.

The exports from this Territory have been usually estimated to consist annually of Furs and Peltries, valued at 300.000\$—White Fish 800 to 1000 barrels.—Sugar 200.000 lbs. and Lead 10.000.000 lbs.

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<sup>1</sup> In the MS. the word "altered" is written at the beginning and at the end of this paragraph.—Ed.