

manufactured. The capital stock was taken, and operations were commenced on a large scale. Enterprise has been well repaid by this manufacture, and white-lead factories are gradually going up in different parts of the country, which are largely consuming our lead, while they are furnishing our country paint."¹ In 1842, 1,888,700 lbs. of lead and 2,614 kegs of shot were shipped from Milwaukee to New York.² The newspapers of this season are full of accounts of the lead trade.³

¹ McLeod, *History of Wisconsin* (Buffalo, 1846), p. 216.

² *Ibid.*, p. 218.

³ Items in *Milw. Sentinel and Wis. Farmer*, June 18, 1842:

"*Exports from Milwaukee.*—On Sunday last the De Witt Clinton took 50 tons of freight from W. W. Brown & Co., consisting of Pork, Flour and Lead for Buffalo. On Wednesday the Madison took 1,550 pigs of Lead (about 60 tons) from the wharf of J. & L. Ward."

"*More Lead.*—On Thursday evening and Friday morning, about twelve teams, with 4 yoke of cattle each, arrived here with from 25 to 30 tons of lead, consigned to Messrs. J. & L. Ward."

Item in *Wis. Enquirer*, Oct. 6, 1842: "*Lead.*—The Madisonian and Missouri took from Milwaukee, on their last trips down, over 2,000 pigs of lead.—*Milwaukee Sentinel.*"

Item in *Milw. Courier*, Oct. 26, 1842: "*Mineral Point.*—From this point the Lead and Copper is sent to the East by the way of Milwaukee and the Lakes; this route is becoming a greater favorite than the one by way of Galena and the rivers."

Item in *Wis. Enquirer*, Dec. 24, 1842: "*To Smelters.*—Messrs. Hutchinson, Wheeler and Peters, and Messrs. Torrey and Russell, at Southport, we perceive by the *Southport American*, are prepared to make liberal advances on lead, shot and copper."

In addition to what has already been given, the following newspaper extracts represent what had taken place in that year:

Milw. Courier, Feb. 2, 1842: "Never since the settlement of our town has the prospects of Milwaukee been so flattering or so full of high hope and promise as they have been during the present winter. * * * An indication of what may be the future prosperity of Milwaukee may be found in the fact that the Miners and Smelters of the west are turning their attention to this place as offering superior inducements for the shipment of their lead and copper to an eastern market. Much credit is due to those of our merchants who have opened the way for the rich harvest, which the mines of the west are destined to pour into Milwaukee. This trade has but just commenced, yet we are informed that up-