

sion merchants announce the rate of advances made on shipments of these products.¹

In the latter part of May, the *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser* has the following: "Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa will soon send to this mart an incalculable amount of lead and copper, in addition to the whole of their surplus agricultural products. We already export lead to England, from whence we have heretofore imported many millions of pounds. * * * Lead and copper are to be transported this season by contracts recently entered into, from Wisconsin to Boston, through this city at 35 cents per hundred pounds or \$7 a ton. Capitalists interested in the lake and canal trade, and especially those holding real estate in New York and Boston should not delay in aiding the construction of a canal or railway from Milwaukee or some other point on Lake Michigan to the Mississippi river."²

And the *Rochester Democrat*, in an article upon the lead and copper trade of the West, says: "Within the last eighteen months, an excellent road has been opened from Milwaukee to the Mississippi,³ passing through the mining district, which will be much used hereafter in sending lead to the east by way of the lakes. * * * When the canal is finished through Wisconsin, this vast lead freight will

¹ Adv. in *Milw. Courier*, Aug. 9, 1843: "*New Store*.— Milwaukee wholesale and retail Cash Store, at Walker's Point, on the south side of the Ferry—James Rathbun has just arrived from New York with an extensive assortment of Goods suitable to the wants of the country round about, such as Domestic, Groceries, Hardware, &c., which he will sell at wholesale or retail, at the lowest prices for Cash, Wheat, Shot, Copper, Lead, Flax and Timothy Seed, Flour, &c., and would say to those in Mineral Regions that he is prepared to make liberal advances in Cash or Merchandise on Shot, Lead and Copper, and as he can make it an object for those working minerals, he hopes to receive a large share of their patronage.— Milwaukee, May 26, 1843."

² Quoted in *Milw. Courier*, May 31, 1843.

³ Item in *Wis. Argus*, Sept. 26, 1844: "*Mail Stages*.— We would call the attention of the traveling public to C. Genung & Co.'s line of Mail Stages now running between Madison and Milwaukee, on the old United States road leading from Madison through Cottage Grove, Lake Mills, Aztalan, Summit and Prairieville to Milwaukee."