

be floated through the lakes and Erie canal to market. It now gives employment to hundreds of keel and flat boats from Galena to St. Louis, where it is reshipped for New Orleans, and then again reshipped for New York or Europe. By way of the lakes and Erie canal, it could be accomplished in fifteen days."<sup>1</sup>

The trade of Mineral Point is thus referred to by Lapham: "The quantity of lead and copper sent from here is very considerable; most of it finds its way to Galena, Ill., whence it is shipped down the Mississippi and by way of the ocean to New York. Within the last few years, however, much of it is sent by waggons to Lake Michigan, mostly at Milwaukee, and thence sent direct by way of the lakes to New York."<sup>2</sup>

The *Buffalo Pilot*, 1845, had this reference: "More than the usual quantity of lead from the mines of Illinois and Wisconsin have sought a market through the lakes this year. A few sales are made here, but the great bulk passes on. The white lead manufactories consume a considerable quantity, which will annually increase.<sup>3</sup> In August about 2,100 pigs were loaded."<sup>4</sup>

The *Buffalo Commercial Advertiser*, in the same year, spoke of the increase of the production of lead and shot, but lamented the insufficient means of transportation which alone kept the resulting trade from seeking the lake ports. For the three years 1842-44, the imports of lead into that city were, respectively, 23,926, 23,753, and 6,276 pigs.<sup>5</sup>

For 1846, the condition of the lead trade is sufficiently

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<sup>1</sup> Quoted in *Milw. Courier*, Feb. 1, 1843; also to be found in McLeod's *Wisconsin*, p. 218.

<sup>2</sup> Lapham's *Wisconsin* (ed. 1844), p. 236

<sup>3</sup> See *ante*, p. 319; also, the following advertisement in *Weekly N. W. Gazette* (Galena), October 9, 1846: "White Lead Manufactory.—R. Conkling & Co., Court Street east of Broadway, Cincinnati. \* \* \* The old firm of R. Conkling & Co. still continues to manufacture best pure White Lead and at as low prices as can be purchased anywhere.—Cincinnati, September 21, 1846."

<sup>4</sup> Cited in *Niles' Register*, vol. 68, p. 102, April 19, 1845.

<sup>5</sup> Cited in *Wis. Herald* (Lancaster), September 20, 1845.