

PIONEER MINING TOWN.

Tower Occupies Unique Position in History of Iron Ore Business.

Tower is the pioneer mining town of Minnesota. It was named after Charlemagne Tower, the present ambassador to Russia, at one time president of the Duluth & Iron Range road, and a resident of Duluth. Ore shipping began from there in August, 1884, and since then a total of about 9,000,000 tons has been mined and forwarded. Soudan is the mining district of Tower, and it is there that a large number of the miners and their families reside. The mines provide employment to about 600 men.

Captain John Pengilly is in charge of the Minnesota mines at Soudan, as well as the Chandler at Ely.

Tower has another extensive industry aside from mining, that of the manufacture of lumber. The Tower Lumber company employs about 500 men. It is the nearest city to the Canadian gold fields and claims, in the Vermillion, the finest hotel north of Duluth. That Tower is an ambitious city and filled with enterprising men, is proved by the prompt and successful action in the matter of getting together \$12,000 to

build the memorial to the martyred president.

The city is situated on Lake Vermilion, one of the most beautiful of the large inland lakes in the state, containing hundreds of islands. The site was once occupied by a prehistoric race. Hundreds of copper weapons and utensils are found in the earth there. The copper is tempered, and the secret process by which this was done passed away when the race became extinct.
