

inclined axis. The quartz veins are very numerous, and so far as I could ascertain, all of them which have been tested contain more or less gold. Few of them exceed a foot in thickness, and the richest are generally under this breadth.

Your property comprising lots

893 to 900 ; 866 to 869 ; 837 to 839 ; 775 to 778—Block II.
541 to 543 ; 880, 881—Block III.

603 to 607 ; 634 to 638 ; 663 to 665 ; 691 to 699—Block V. making in all 48 mining areas, lies to the north and south of the road in the immediate vicinity of some of the best developed locations of the district. The selection of areas which you have made appears to me to have been very judicious. From the fact that some leads have been already discovered upon them, and the strong probability, owing to their position, that many more will be found by exploring, this property may be safely pronounced a valuable one for gold mining operations.

I need not refer to the benefits which the Sherbrooke mining district derives from its close proximity to the St. Mary's River, which is navigated to this point by sea-going vessels ; nor of the advantages which your own location possesses in its comparatively large extent, as you are already aware of the importance of these considerations.

It may be perceived from the statistics published by the authority of the Government, that the quantity of gold produced in the Sherbrooke district has increased steadily, and very rapidly from 1862 (the time of its discovery) to 1866, in which year it amounted to 5,829 ounces, worth \$20 an ounce. The yield is still improving at an increased ratio. During the eight months from 1st January to 31st August of this year, it amounted to upwards of a hundred ounces more than that of the whole preceding year, being at the rate of about a quarter of a million dollars for the twelve months.

The profits of gold mining in any district are best ascertained by finding the average remuneration for every miner employed. This year the number of men employed in the Sherbrooke district has averaged one hundred. Their earnings, so far, are therefore at the rate of more than two thousand dollars per man for the year, or about \$7,50 per day. In this calculation are included thirty-seven men who have been