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A STATEMENT.

THE existence of gold on the south side of the river St. Lawrence, particularly on the Chaudière and its tributaries, has long been known.

In the year 1846 Letters Patent were granted by the Crown to the De Léry family to search for and work mines of gold on a Seignior^y * situated on the banks of the Chaudière river.

The several reports from the years 1848 to 1863 of the Geological Survey of Canada, at the head of which is the eminent and well-known geologist, Sir William Logan, have given valuable evidence in regard to the auriferous deposits in the district referred to. In consequence, however, of the absence of mining enterprise in the colony, no active steps were taken to develop the mineral resources of the Province until within the last three years.

* A grant of Land was at one period called a *seignior*y in this part of Canada.

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