

rations. I consider I am justified in forming an opinion from what I saw on my two visits, and I know it to be fact, that on the 7th July, 1865, one of the nuggets dug from Smith & Dale's shaft, weighed 9 oz., and became the property of Mr. Robb, of Montreal, and that on the 27th of the same month, another nugget, weighing 12 oz. 14 dwts., was found by McRae & Co., in their shaft, and this with about a pound of gold dust was exhibited by McRae to the Gold Committee of Parliament, on 8th February.

Writing of the Chaudière, in 1864, I used this language;—"We should not like, however, to say, that every adventurer will make his fortune; we would rather discourage those who are at present engaged in useful and profitable occupations, from following the "*ignus fatuus*," of the gold seeker. The past season may furnish a profitable lesson; a few like the Poulins will realise handsome returns, a few more will make fair wages, the vast majority will be disappointed." I have seen this prediction fulfilled, but I again repeat my confidence in the Chaudière is still undiminished, and I trust and believe the operations now being carried on by Mr. Lockwood, will be eminently successful.