

from a single hole, and more recently \$2,000 were obtained in two days, after damming a considerable stream, nearly all being coarse gold.

Our informant is of opinion, and as a thoroughly practical man his opinion is entitled to the highest consideration, that the dry diggings in the Chaudière district will be found more productive than the streams. He says that on the whole the California streams have not repaid the expense of working them. He believes that the streams contain no more gold than has been displaced by the water from the rocks traversing them; and that the whole country in their vicinity would be found as rich, and in many cases much richer, if mined in the same manner as similar lands are in California and Australia, by sinking shafts through the gravel down to the rock or clay beds beneath. He says that in no part of California could he obtain the same quantity of gold by the same means as he obtained upon the Chaudière and its tributary streams; that the surface prospects, in spite of the unfavorable season, were superior to any he had ever found before; and that with ordinary skill, by simply panning on the river banks, large wages can be made with certainty.

IMPORTANT GOLD DISCOVERIES IN THE COUNTY OF BEAUCE.

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Considerable excitement has been caused in the South Shore parishes by extensive gold discoveries in St. Francois de la Beauce. It appears that along the banks of the Riviere Gilbert, in the third concession of that parish, the richest deposits have been found. There is doubtless considerable exaggeration in many of the rumors which prevail; but the prospects, nevertheless, are promising in the extreme. A correspondent of *Le Canadian*, writing on Saturday last says that within the last six weeks about \$12,000 worth of gold has been taken out. A man named Fereol Poulin, with three companions, in a single day, realized the amount of \$1100. Some of the nuggets are said to be worth between \$200 and \$250. There has already been a considerable rush of diggers to the spot anxious to secure a share of the "filthy lucre," and at last accounts about 450 persons were at work.