

VIGER COPPER MINE,

(CHESTER.)

The numerous discoveries of copper-bearing rocks made, within a few years, in the Eastern Townships, have awakened, and directed the attention of speculators to that eminently metalliferous region. A system of jobbing on a large scale was in consequence speedily carried on, especially in the United States' market.

Taking advantage of the confidence created by real and valuable discoveries, parties have offered lands as metalliferous, upon which superficial works of exploration had scarcely indicated more than a few slight marks of ore, and imposition of this kind having been resorted to, it was natural that apathy and distrust should have superseded the first impulse in the public mind. The indisputable fact still remains, however, that the chain of mountains forming the greatest portion of the territory of the Eastern Townships, and which has been designated, by our learned Provincial Geologist Sir WILLIAM LOGAN, as the "Quebec Group," contains metal-bearing rocks which will, at a future day, be a source of wealth to Canada.

The property which has been called the "Viger Mine," and to which the present remarks have particular reference, is situated in that chain of moun-