

Yes; but the class of people among whom that opinion prevails cannot read and do not judge for themselves.

When is the ten per cent. due to the Government?

It is due after Mr. DeLéry "smelts." That condition also satisfies me the patent is good for nothing. It was unconstitutional ever to make such a grant, and it was subjecting parties to conditions that could not be put into force. By it the holders of the patent had the privilege of working for gold without paying anything to the Crown, until they smelted according to the practise in 1601. In my opinion, IT IS ABSOLUTELY A FRAUD.