

posed of. The largest piece found was said to have been picked up by a woman named Parré, and to have been sold for £22. One party of six, including the two most noted Poulins, acknowledged finding fifteen ounces in three days; and another party, of the same number of hands, found six and a half ounces in two days. After the unlicensed diggers were driven off, part of the location was thoroughly washed with ground sluices by Messrs. Parker, Hagens & Co., who have bought a continuation of the lease, under the superintendence of a Californian, Mr. Percival. The work might have paid, had not so much unproductive labor been expended in clearing away the ground already worked. Between the upper and lower diggings the stream is rapid, and flows often over a bare ledge, but is still bordered on the right by narrow alluvial flats (which, however, were not found to be sufficiently productive to be worked profitably with such appliances as were used last summer), and on the left by a steep ridge, which it is gradually cutting away. The lower diggings seem to have been caused by a bar of hard rock, which, crossing the stream almost at right angles, appears to have intercepted the gold in its downward progress; for below the bar nothing of any consequence has been found, while immediately above it the yield has been enormous. The soil became poorer as it receded upwards. It was just above the bar that Rodrigue and his company worked the bed of the river in the beginning of the season, and it was here they bought the location which has proved so rich. Up to the middle of July no work had been done upon the banks, the crowd being retained at the upper diggings, and the bed of the stream affording occupation enough to the four men who composed Rodrigue's party. They worked eleven full days, and found, with nothing better than tin pans, 10 lbs. of gold. And be it said to their credit, they were honest enough to admit it, and give a quarter in tribute.

The location which, after this, Rodrigue and his party bought was one hundred and fifty feet long by fifty feet wide. They selected a part to work themselves, and sold the rest piece-meal, at prices which must have brought them in several times what they paid