

THOMAS ANDERSON—(*Continued.*)

three miles lower than where the parties are working now. The last time I was on the Gilbert in September, 1863, I found a piece of quartz, which I chipped off, containing a piece of gold visible to the naked eye; I gave it to Mr. Parker.

The examinations or explorations you speak of were made with a view specially to the discovery of gold?

Yes.

Did you find it generally throughout that section?

Yes; not confined to the streams alone, but extending also to the surrounding land, in the hill as well as in the valleys, but of course that found in the high lands is of a fine description.

Did you find any quartz lodes or veins?

I found two quartz lodes on the LaPlante, in the seigniory of Rigaud-Vaudreuil on a part of the DeLéry property, one immediately above the first Fall of the river, and gold bearing quartz on the Famine, immediately above the grand fall. I also found it above the Abenakis, about six miles up, and on the Metgermette. I found it on the Portage River and across the bed of the Du Loup; there are several veins of quartz. Quartz mining has not been carried on to any extent, but I think it would give better results than mining in the alluvial deposits.

Have you had an opportunity of ascertaining the result of the work so far as it has proceeded in those new fields?

No: except in my own particular case, I have, in exploring frequently got sufficient gold to pay handsome wages.

Extracts from the Evidence of JAMES BAILY, of Quebec.

Taking into account your experience in Australia, how would you estimate the gold fields here, as to richness, as compared with the Australian gold fields?

I am acquainted with many mining localities in Australia, and have worked on at least 60 or 80 gullies, which did not turn out half as well as that spot, on the Gilbert, described by last witness; it has paid much better as an average than many places, I have been at in Australia.

Do you think the miners employed on the Gilbert last season, did well, as a general rule as the same number would have done in Australia?

I think they did better.

How does the country here compare with Australia as to formations, geological, and other formation and general appearance?

I am ignorant of geology, but as to the direction in which the reefs lie, and the other mining appearances, they are much the same in both countries.

Which is best off, with respect to water power?
Canada.

Much better off?

Yes, there is no comparison, at all, I mined in or three places in Australia, at which, if I had had water power, I could have made a fortune in a few months.