

taken out, at the date of this visit. He pointed out what was obvious to everyone that the pits were being dug without any regard to order or present convenience, and totally regardless of future operations. He incidentally mentions a circumstance which had an important bearing on the future, and which I fear did more to retard the development of the mines than any other thing. "A few days," says he, "previous to my visit to the mine, Dr. Reed of Quebec, had purchased the Vallieux and Grondin lots, for I was informed, \$300 each, and had placed men to work on one-third shares; these had been notified to desist by Messrs. Hagen & Co., and such notice being disregarded, the latter had sued out process against them; matters were in this state when I left the mine."

Knowing the very great jealousy which exists in every part of the British Dominion, against privileges being confined to a few of the rich and powerful to the exclusion of the poor, industrious and enterprising, on my return from the mines, I published a paper, in which I admitted that while Government was undoubtedly justified in making the concession to Mr. De Lery, at the time it did, that circumstances were now entirely altered, and I thought it would find on enquiry, that it might be expedient to resume the