

A RECENT DISCOVERY OF GOLD NEAR LAKE MEGANTIC, QUEBEC.

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LOCATION.

A discovery of gold, which has recently attracted much attention in this district, has been made in the township of Marston in the south eastern part of the county of Compton, a few miles from the village of Lake Megantic. Megantic station, on the Canadian Pacific railway, between Montreal and St. John, is 175 miles from the former, and 307 fr the latter place. It is also connected with Quebec city by the Quebec Central railway, the distance being sixty miles. The place where the gold has been found is in the fifth range of Marston, principally upon lot 19. The distance from Megantic station by road is about eight miles, but this can be shortened to less than six at seasons of the year when the lake can be crossed by boats, or sleighs.

THE DISTRICT.

Lake Megantic is a sheet of water some nine miles in length from north to south, and from a mile to a mile and a half wide. It is drained to the northward by the Chaudière river, which empties into the St. Lawrence river a few miles above Quebec city, after a course of 120 miles. It was on the tributaries of this river, notably the Gilbert, Famine, and du Loup, in the county of Beauce, some forty miles from Lake Megantic, that aboriginal gold was successfully mined for many years.

Victoria bay, on the west side of Lake Megantic, and three miles from its northern end, is the most prominent irregular feature in the shore-line. The head of this bay is within a mile and a half of the gold locations. Victoria river, which empties