

the property, and to this spot the quartz from all parts of it may be drawn at the least possible cost. The expense of erecting miner's houses will be avoided, as the Village of Goldenville adjoins on the north side.

The large extent of the Kingston and Sherbrooke property is a very important feature, as affording sufficient ground for carrying on mining for a great length of time, and ample surface room for all the operations connected therewith.

With efficient management this property is, therefore, capable of producing a large and continuous yield of gold.

ROBERT BELL.

KINGSTON, APRIL 2ND, 1868.

THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.

The Chief Commissioner of Mines is required by law to submit an Annual Report to the Legislature; the following extract, therefore, from the published Report dated Dec. 1st, 1868, will repay perusal. The Commissioner says:—

"In *Sherbrooke* we find that the result of the year's operations is "most gratifying. This District has, from the first, been a continuously successful one; but never before to such an extent as during the past year. The yield of gold, although still less than half that of the *Waverley*, far exceeds the yield of any previous year. As a conclusive proof of the profitable character of mining in this district, I may mention that for the year just closed, the yield of gold to each man engaged in the *Sherbrooke* Mines, according to official returns, amounts to no less a sum than one thousand three hundred and eighty-two dollars and eighty-six cents (\$1382.86), counting the gold at \$1.50 below its market value. This proportion exceeds what has been before produced in any District in the Province. Some new "Lodes of exceeding richness not previously known to exist, have "been discovered and opened."

But the returns for the past year, ending 30th Sept., 1867, shew that the remark that the yield of gold is "still less than half that of *Waverley*," no longer holds good, since *Sherbrooke* yielded 8522 ozs. 8 dwts., 11 grs., against 4134 ozs., 18 dwts., 17 grs., for *Waverley* during the same period.

The Annual Report referred to is made up from the returns filed by every Lessee and Mill Owner, and shows monthly, in tabular form, the amount of labor performed, the amount of quartz raised and crushed, the maximum and average yield per ton, and the total yield from every Gold District in the Province. Accompanying the Chief Commissioner's Report there is also one from an officer, called the Inspector of Mines, whose especial duty it is to make frequent inspection of the working of every Mining District, and to report annually for the information of the Legislature.

NOVA SCOTIA GOLD STATISTICS.

The following, extracted from the columns of the *Montreal Gazette*, of 25th September, 1867, contains much valuable information as shewing the products of the Gold Districts up to 30th Sept., 1866.