

*Second* : That the only experiment reported at that time calculated to test the question, proved the gold to be in paying quantity at the place tried—Jersey Point.

*Third* : That within the last eighteen months gold has been found in numerous places in paying quantity, and has been worked with great success on the Gilbert—one of the nearest points, be it remarked, of the gold region to the more thickly settled portion of the country.

*Fourth* : That the Gilbert being the most developed, simply because the nearest to a dense population, may be taken as some basis of calculation—the paying character of the mining on it being a settled matter beyond dispute—a spot of between two and three acres having already yielded to *unskilled labor* between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in gold.

*Fifth* : That a considerable extent of country, especially on the Famine, Du Loup, and tributaries, that has been prospected, shows precisely the same indications as the rich tract worked on the Gilbert ; many of the places most fully prospected yielding more gold than the Gilbert did when only prospected to the same extent.

*Sixth* : That when the country was superficially inspected by Sir William Logan, he found no stronger indications of gold being in quantity on the Gilbert than the other places reported on.

Is it then reasonable to suppose that the Gilbert is the only rich spot—or that it is the richest spot—or that it is even anything more than the average of the paying parts of the auriferous belt, and as likely below as above the average ?