

weighed 1066.63 grs. No other discovery was made known till the following year, though it is believed that the brothers *Poulin* had made a further discovery, which induced Mr. C. de Lery to make a search, which resulted in the party under his direction finding, in about two hours, gold to the value of £18.

In granting the Seigniory of Rigaud de Vaudreuil, the French King had made, as was customary, certain reservations, one of which was that the grantee "should give immediate notice to the King, or his Governor and Intendant, of the discovery of all *mines, ores or minerals.*" Being satisfied of the value of the discovery, Mr. de Lery applied to the Canadian Government, and in 1846 secured a patent giving him exclusive right of mining in the Parish of St. François.

Mr. de Lery said, that it was somewhat curious, that notwithstanding his first great success, he never again found an atom of gold and that though the men whom he employed found some quantity, they asserted that whenever he made his appearance where they were digging, the gold was never to be found.

Mr. de Lery was induced to abandon the working himself, and gave a lease of his rights