

found along the beds of the river and its tributaries, and on the adjoining highlands.

The late Mr. Charles de Lery, seignior of Rigaud de Vaudreuil, gave me the following account of the discovery of the precious metals. Some time before the conquest, in the time of his great-grand-father, some Indians had occasion to make an encampment in the neighbourhood of his Mansion, in what is now the Parish of *St. François*, and one morning, when the fire was burnt out, on raking up the ashes, they discovered a metal, which they brought to Mr. de Lery, and which turned out to be silver. M. de Lery sent it to France, where it was manufactured into a set of salt spoons, which were, at the time he related the circumstance to me, in his possession.

GOLD DISCOVERED.

The next discovery, that of *gold*, was made about half-a-century ago, by a woman, near the mouth of the *Touffe de Pins*, or *Gilbert River*, a tributary of the *Chaudière*, but it attracted no attention. But in 1834, a woman taking a horse to water at the same spot, saw something glittering in the river, which proved to be a nugget of considerable size, as it