

INTRODUCTION.

In presenting to the public, in a collective form, the series of interesting articles on the past and future of the CHAUDIERE GOLD FIELDS, which recently appeared in the columns of the Quebec MORNING CHRONICLE, it is contemplated not only to satisfy the demand which has arisen for the republication of the articles in question in handy and convenient shape for purposes of reference, but to assist as far as possible the patriotic object of the proprietor of that Journal in thereby calling attention to an important feature of the mineral wealth of this section of the Canadian Dominion, whose development on a proper scale has unfortunately been too long neglected, though offering numerous attractions to the investment of capital and a most desirable field for the exertions of enterprise.

It is believed with much apparent reason upon the faith of the highest professional opinion, as well as of the encouraging results obtained in the past even under a system of working mainly characterized by wastefulness and inefficiency, that the extensive district known as the gold region of Lower Canada is availably rich in deposits of the precious and other valuable metals, which only require to be wrought with method and economy and with the assistance of the improved appliances of the age, to return large and constant profits. It has also been ascertained that the causes which have hitherto impeded or retarded the thorough development of these great natural resources, have in most measure been artificial and therefore removable; and it is satisfactory to know that, in pointing out this important fact, the MORNING CHRONICLE has taken