

fields of Wine Harbour and Sherbrook, and being struck with the great similarity which these bore to a certain locality in the neighbourhood of Quebec, I was still more surprised on taking up a Quebec paper, to find that the excitement about gold in the Chaudière had arisen anew since my departure. I resolved to visit the mines, immediately on my return to Canada. Things had reached the point I have mentioned just before my arrival at Quebec.

Having decided to visit the diggings, I made my arrangements, and crossing with the *St. Marie* mail-courier in the ferry boat to Pointe Levis, and there taking his vehicle, proceeded along a splendid macadamized road through a beautiful and well cultivated country to *St. Henri*, a pretty village, distant about twelve miles from Quebec, *St. Henri* is the centre of the parish of the same name, the population of which exceeds 3,200.

We then proceed along the ordinary main road of the district, which though not macadamized, was in very fair condition, to the village of *St. Isidore*, six miles from *St. Henri*. The population of this Parish is 2,500.

After continuing to pass through a picturesque country for six miles further, and op-