

Act they are the proprietors of the soil. The exceptions are so few, that this district may be truly said, to be exclusively *Franco-Canadian*, the occupants claiming descent from the first settlers, and retaining the language, the religion, and the customs of their forefathers. The present seigniors, the Taschereaus and de Lery's, claim descent from the distinguished men whose names are so intimately connected with the early history of Canada. Mr. Pozer, who at present represents the County of *Beauce* in both the Local and Dominion Legislatures, is the only seignior not of French descent. His progenitor, a German gentleman, attempted to settle his seigniority with Germans, but few remained after the first winter, and we question, if, with the exception of Mr. Pozer himself and the members of his family, more than *one* other German can be found in the whole valley. The population is moral, orderly, industrious and hospitable, and, at any rate till the discovery of gold, was quite contented with its lot, their farms yielding in abundance, more than sufficient to supply their simple wants.

GOLD, SILVER, &c.

Gold, silver, copper, and precious stones, chiefly garnets of trifling value, have been