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"In regard to the extent to which gold has been mined or discovered, your Committee have obtained very valuable and reliable evidence. The Gold Mining Inspector, Major de Bellefeuille, states the whole quantity of gold produced during the past season, in the Chaudière Gold Mining Division, to be One Hundred and Sixteen Thousand dollars; and this, considering the comparatively small number of hands employed, must be regarded as a very handsome return, the average of the season being no less than four dollars per day per man. The Gold Mining Inspector's Report, however, can not be taken as representing the total quantity, as it comes only to the 30th of November, since which period, mining operations have been constantly carried on, and with highly satisfactory results, on the Gilbert. The greater portion of the gold so far obtained, has been taken from a small area on the Gilbert River, a few miles from its mouth, in the parish of St. Francis. It appears, however, that considerable quantities of gold were obtained in various parts of the country, of which he was furnished with no return. Thus, for example, on the Stafford Brook, the evidence shows that Two Thousand dollars were obtained, while his return shows only Three hundred dollars.

"In regard to the winter operations carried on, on the Gilbert, the evidence of the miners is highly important, as it was to some extent against their interest to give it. They have found hill tunneling beneath the snow in winter, as profitable as alluvial washing in summer.

"With regard to the general richness of the Gilbert diggings, the evidence of these witnesses is conclusive. William Abbott took from one claim of only sixty feet front, one thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars in gold, during the early part of the summer; and in the month of