

of the brook, on arriving at which a scene of great interest and activity presented itself.

The Company, who in addition to acquiring the mining rights of Dr. Douglas, had secured a further lease from Mr. DeLery for fifteen years, had commenced operations on the Gilbert. They had not only made a sluice and employed men in digging and washing gold themselves, but had the wisdom to sublet claims to all applicants, on terms varying from fifty to one hundred dollars for the season. I was told that counting those in the employ of the Company and those working on private account, there were then on the ground about two hundred and fifty miners. I counted upwards of sixty at the place I visited. Having spent an hour or two on the ground very much interested with what we saw, we retraced our steps to where we had left our carriage and returning to the Chaudiere, crossed it opposite the

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where we put up at *Barbeau's* and took tea. St. Francois is fifty-four miles from Quebec, and the population of the parish 3,600. As the evening was pleasant, and bright moon light, we de-