

the dirt can be profitably re-washed, by using machinery and material properly adapted for the purpose. In proof of the above statements ; the following is a copy of a letter, addressed to Dr. Reed by C. J. De Bellefeuille, Esq., the Government Gold Commissioner :

St. François, Beauce, 4th December, 1861.

Sir—In reply to your note of the 1st instant, requesting me to inform you of the probable amount of gold taken out of your lots on the River Gilbert, viz: lots 20 and 21 in the de Lery concession of the Parish of St. François, I beg to state, that the amount taken out was over \$10,000 worth, the *largest nuggets taken out* this year, were taken from your claims.

The claims worked by Bertrand and Stele, by Abbott and Smith, Maranda and others were highly lucrative, these men all made large sums of money.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

C. J. de BELLEFEUILLE,

Gold Commissioner, Chaudiere Division.

To Dr. James Reed,

St. François, Beauce.

This letter is the most conclusive proof of the value of this property.

A large band of highly metalliferous quartz, impregnated with iron pyrites and gold, extends through the whole length of these lots. It crosses the River Gilbert at the centre of this property, and it was in the immediate vicinity of this quartz that the largest nuggets, alluded to in Mr. de Bellefeuille's letter, were found ; besides which many pieces of quartz,