

tained that portion of his due, always intending to give to him what was strictly his, at the close of the season; that they had made the Curé aware of what they had done, who had authoritatively enjoined on them the preserving an exact account, and surrendering to Mr. Douglas what was his at the final settlement. They were well pleased when Mr. Douglas returned to them some odd ounce of gold, and promised to use his influence with the new lessees, to get them a favorable location for continuing their operations. This he also fulfilled to their satisfaction. Mr. Douglas felt it his duty to call on the Curé, and thank him for the part he had taken. The Curé said: "I thought since they had retained the gold, they might retain it to the end of the season, but they said, 'No M. le Curé, our consciences are tender now, they may become hardened, so we had better give up the gold at once.'"

I tell this story without any comment, but as well calculated to illustrate the morals and manners of the inhabitants of the Chaudière Valley in 1863. Dr. Douglas received, as his portion of the product of eleven days' digging, two and a-half pounds of gold.

I had been down in Nova Scotia, and had taken the opportunity of visiting the gold