

to a short time before the conquest; in 1768 they were re-opened by some Englishmen, and for generations the Three Rivers' cast-iron stove and bar-iron were favorites in the colony. Matthew Bell, in 1806, wrote from Quebec, replying to an order from George Dunieré of Montreal:—"This year's make of Three Rivers' iron is all taken up, but we can sell you some Russian iron which is not quite as good." The absence from the Province of any industries consuming charcoal iron and steel, and the competition of coke-made iron, reduced the product of the Forges to a nominal tonnage, but at times, when special excellence was called for in the article, the old ore-beds of the St. Maurice entered the field with credit. In the Paris Exposition of 1867, a pair of car wheels were exhibited which had run 1,200,000 miles without perceptible wear.

A BIG DREAM.

A very amusing anecdote is told of Sir William Johnson, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Mohawk Valley, in 1755, and as it throws some light upon the easy manner in which fortunes were made in those days, may not be uninteresting to our readers. Sir William, by his usual courteous and kindly manner to the Indians, had gained an ascendancy over them generally, and particularly over a chief, named Hendrick. On one occasion Sir William was unpacking a large box of clothing which had just arrived from England, Hendrick happening to be in the room. He was particularly attracted by a richly embroidered coat which was brought forth and shaken out in all its glittering splendour of gold and lace, and gilded buttons and bright silk trimmings. The Indian's eyes sparkled, and he could scarcely keep his hands from the coveted prize, but he held back