

Crabbourne; and it was on this river that Gold was first discovered in Canada, upwards of thirty six years ago. Dr. James Douglas, about twelve years since, obtained over \$15,000 worth from a small patch of land, near the junction of this river with the Chaudière, but not being able to prevent the laborers from stealing the gold, he was compelled to abandon operations. For several years subsequent, the native French Canadians occasionally found here and there along the river rich diggings, but it was not until the summer of 1863, that the extreme richness of these diggings attracted the attention of the public. The Poulins Brothers, three in number, having discovered rich diggings on lots 19, 20 and 21 in the DeLery concession of the Parish of St. Francis, numbers rushed to the spot, and, in an incredible short space of time, a large amount of gold was got out. So great an excitement was created at this discovery, that the Government despatched a special agent, Mr. Judah, to investigate and report on this important development. Mr. Judah's report was published in September 1863, copies of which can be had at the office of this Company. In the summer of 1863, upwards of \$25,000 worth of gold was taken out of lots 20 and 21, including several nuggets of over two pounds weight each. These lots were purchased by Dr. Reed, who, during the past summer, leased, merely for the season, fifteen claims to as many small Companies of Miners for \$1500. These miners took out over \$40,000 worth of gold, and have not worked out more than one half their claims. Altogether not more than three superficial acres have been worked, and owing to the rude appliances which the miners had in use, none of the fine gold has been saved, and