

especially the Stafford Brook on the right bank and the Condé on the left, have been successfully washed for gold. The same result has attended the exploration of the Du Loup and its tributaries, up the boundary line of the State of Maine.

In 1846, M. DeLéry obtained a patent from the Crown, giving him the exclusive right forever to work for gold within the limits of his seigniory. The conditions of the patent are : " That our said grantees, their heirs and assigns forever, shall strictly conform to all laws and usages in force, and applying in that behalf, that they shall well and truly repay to other our loving subjects such damages and compensations as may from time to time accrue in consequence of the ground occupied, the opening of roads, and other like causes from the operations in working the said mines. And also, upon the condition that before working the same, they do transmit and deposit with our Secretary of our said Province a true and correct statement of the nature, situation and extent of the said ores, minerals and mines. And further, upon condition of transmitting, in each and every year, to our Receiver General for our said Province, a true and correct account of the gross product of the same, in such form and manner as our heirs and successors may be pleased to direct ; and also, upon condition of well and truly paying and delivering, in each and every year, from the time of melting the said ores for the first time in working furnaces, unto our Receiver General, or such other person as may have authority from us, our heirs and successors, one-tenth part of the whole gross product of the said ores, minerals, [and substances thereunto appertaining whatever ; the said one-tenth part being melted, cast and prepared in the same manner as the like may be for the behoof of our said grantees, and refined according to the laws of France, as confirmed by the Edict of His Most Christian Majesty of the month of June, 1601 ; and it is further our will and pleasure that our said grantees have a remission of the said one-tenth part for five years from and after the date of these presents."

In accordance with the conditions of his patent, he had the district explored by Mr. Cunningham ; but unwilling to run the risk