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L. L. Rivard, Inspector  
of gold mines, Quebec.  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup>

Gold Mining in Province  
of Quebec in 1877

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Sir

In reply to your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. I beg to state that I have very little information to give you respecting what was done in gold mining in this province during last year. Operations had been almost totally suspended for several years and were only resumed to any considerable extent during the latter months of the fiscal year 1876-7. I shall have pleasure in sending you shortly a copy of the Report of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, now in press, in which my reports of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1876 & 2<sup>nd</sup> July last are inserted. These contain all the information at my disposal respecting the operations of the year.

I may state however, that since the date of these reports, I have been informed that mining has been carried on with much

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Yours  
obedient  
servant

success in the St. Francis Division, on  
the river Ditton in the township of that  
name, Co. Compton. According to the  
statements made to me, the Hon. Mr.  
Pope has within a few years collected  
some twenty six or twenty seven thousand  
dollars from these mines without  
having incurred any very great expense  
for labour &c.

Indications of the existence  
of the precious metal are met with  
also in Chestham, Emberton and other  
townships in the same county.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

your obedient servant

J. P. M.  
G. M. Inspector.