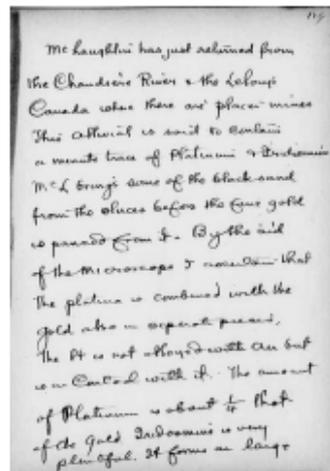


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X, NjWOE, Lab., N-78-11-22:149 (*TAEM* 29:218; *TAED* No02:67).
^aObscured overwritten text.

1. The Chaudière and the Rivière du Loup are tributaries of the St. Lawrence in southeastern Quebec.

2. Frank McLaughlin was a telegrapher acquaintance of Edison's working in New York as an electric pen agent; he had been Edison's representative for the phonograph in Australasia in 1878 (see Doc. 1328). Edison dispatched him to Quebec on 26 May after corresponding with Edwin Pope of the Montreal Telegraph Co. about gold deposits there (Edwin Pope to TAE, 6, 13, and 15 May 1879; McLaughlin to TAE, 1 June 1879; all DF [*TAEM* 50:588, 591-92, 614; *TAED* D7928F, D7928J, D7928K, D7928ZAC]). A brief description of McLaughlin's trip and findings is in "Wanted, A Platinum Mine," *New York Sun*, 7 July 1879, Cat. 1241, item 1224, Batchelor (*TAEM* 94:494; *TAED* MBSB21224X).