

rial that you have sent us, in order that he may derive Information from it, and also to encourage him to pursue his discoveries. Father Piscot, a Recollet,¹ who has some knowledge of metals, has written a paper on these mines, some ore from which he tested at Montreal by order of Monsieur de Beauharnois. We take the liberty of sending it to You. We append the report made by one Corbin, a carpenter,² to Monsieur Hocquart on what he saw of those Mines.

We remain etc.

[BEAUHARNOIS
HOCQUART]

[Letter of Hocquart to the French Minister. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 64, c. 11, fol. 59.]

At QUEBEC the 14th of October, 1735.

MONSEIGNEUR—Since The description Monsieur the Marquis de Beauharnois and Myself have given to you together respecting Monsieur De la Ronde's discovery, one Corbin, a Carpenter who built the bark on Lake Superior, has come down to Quebec and has reported to me what he has seen of the Copper mine that is on the Tonnagane river. I have drawn up this report in words almost as simple as those which That Workman employed in explaining himself to me. It is Appended hereto. I shall urge the sieur De la Ronde's partner to send next Spring to Lake superior with one Chambellan several hardy and skillful workmen to endeavor to mine the Copper beds on the bank of that River with crowbars, Wedges, sledge-hammers and other tools that they may need to clear away the Soil and break up the metal if possible into portable pieces. But if we can obtain from France a workman who is a good craftsman and able to give information, and to devise expedients for working the mine, this will greatly facilitate

¹ Etienne Piscot was superior of the Recollets at Montreal. See Tanguay, *Répertoire Gén. du Clergé Canadien* (ed. 1868), p. 98.—Ed.

² Probably the Corbin who made the canoes at Michilimackinac for Louvigny's expedition. See *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, p. 407.—Ed.