

named feli and Gobin. They took on board a savage at the place called The cove [L'anse] near the point of Kiénon,<sup>1</sup> who asserted that he had a thorough knowledge of the Mines and of the Copper in the said River of Tonnagane. They travel led thither, And after entering the said River,<sup>2</sup> which they ascended for a distance of about 8 leagues from the shore of Lake Superior, they Found a mine about 15 arpents in length ascending the said river, 30 feet from the water's edge and which may be at a height of 60 feet in the Cliff. This Mine consists of layers or beds 5 or 6 pouces<sup>3</sup> thick. There are about Fifty of these layers one above the other nearly to the top of the Hill, and they are intersected or Bound together by a Sandy soil without Stones. There does not appear to be any break at any Part of their Length. At the first Layer near the water, there is a Sort of Stone which is easily broken And which detaches itself from the Copper without being mixed with it. All these Beds or layers of Copper run about The Length of 15 arpents following the course of the River. Corbin adds that they cut some of this Copper with a hatchet at The place where there was a seam; that it appeared to him quite pure, and that at every place in these 15 arpents where they bored they found it similar to this; that on being taken from the Mine it can be forged and worked as easily as lead; that a Spit And several small tools were made out of it Such as knife-Handles, braces for the Carpenters, foot-rules And other Articles, without taking any other trouble than hammering it while cold just as it came out of the mine.

That after examining this mine, The savage wanted to take them into three branches of that same River where he assured them there was as much copper at each Place as they Saw before them; but that as they had no provisions and, moreover no tools

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<sup>1</sup> *L'anse* is the usual designation on maps of the period, for what is now known as Keweenaw Bay, at the base of Keweenaw Point, upper peninsula of Michigan.—Ed.

<sup>2</sup> Marginal note on MS.: "A vessel of at least 40 tons could enter that River."

<sup>3</sup> For this measure, see *Wis. Hist. Colls.*, xvi, p. 353.—Ed.