

even of grass with the exception of a few small hollows where there are some; that is a few scattered tufts of grass and stunted fir-trees 3 and 4 feet high; That there are trees only at a distance of 12, 15 and 20 arpents in the valley, and they are only as thick as one's leg and scattered in clumps. The Country is level. Corbin saw no spring of water, not even the Trace of one, for 15 arpents fronting on the River. He thinks that a Land-slide has taken place at this last Spot, and he bases his opinion on the fact that at various points on The bank of the River there are mounds of earth, The appearance whereof resembles That of The soil at the top of the Cliff.

From The mouth of The River Tonnagane to the spot where the mine is situated, there are 7 or 8 small rapids which will not prevent Canoes carrying six thousand livres from ascending the river. These Canoes will go down even more easily. The first of these rapids is three Leagues up the River; the seven others are at varying intervals from one another.

This Report has been made to me by Corbin, carpenter, at Quebec, This [blank space in MS.] October, 1735.

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1736: GARRISON NEEDED AT DETROIT

[Extract of a letter from Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated Oct. 5, 1736. Source, same as preceding document, but vol. 65, c. 11, fol. 55.]

MONSEIGNEUR—

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We cannot too strongly represent to you, Monseigneur, the Necessity of strengthening Detroit. We see no other means of attaining this object than by posting a strong garrison And granting Lands there. But this project can only be partially carried out until His Majesty is pleased to increase The number of his Troops.

The Concessions which We have granted to various inhabitants for some years past have Induced them to Work more assiduously than they had hitherto done in cultivating the Soil.