Wisconsin Historical Collections [vol. xvii

ery of the Mines," as far as the sentence "I brought them back in my vessel to sault Ste. Marie," when the memoir closes as follows:]

1736 Whence I took them to Quebec where they made their report to Monsieur the general and Monsieur The intendant on what they had seen.

1739: NEW MINES NEAR LAKE SUPERIOR

[Extract of a letter from Beauharnois to the French Minister. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 71, c. 11, fol. 38."]

You will see, Monseigneur, by the Extract from the Letter of the Sieur De la Ronde dated the 17th February last which I Had The honor of Sending you on the 14th August, by the report made to me by the Sieur Charly St Ange which I also Had the honor of Sending you on the 4th September with the private declaration made to me by the Miners And by what Monsieur Hocquart And I have the honor of Writing to you, that four Copper Mines have Been found in the Tonnagane River and the Rivière Noire, which they state to contain an abundance of ore. They are to have the honor, Monseigneur, of Reporting to you thereon And of bringing you some marcasite from those mines.

Annexed hereto is a Statement of the distribution of the licenses.

I remain

QUEBEC, October 4th, 1739.

BEAUHARNOIS

[Extract from a letter of La Ronde, commandant of Point Chequamagon, to Beauharnois, dated Feb. 17, 1739. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 71, c. 11, fol. 102."]

Monsieur—I have Sent to Conduct the Miners to the Tonagane River, with orders to explore all those that Issue from that Region, and empty into Lake Superior. They found in the fork of the river Masses of Copper in clayey and Sandy Soils, and