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| | Prices in Montreal | Profit at one hundred per cent |
|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Twenty five Livres of lead and Bullets | [livres] | [livres] |
| at 10 sols, making 12 livres 10 sols 2 guns at thirty Livres each, making | 12.10 | 25 |
| 60 livres | 60 | 120 |
| Half a Livre of vermilion at 6 livres | 6 | 12 |
| Gun-flints, Ramrod-screws and knives | 20 | 40 |
| When the Illinois came to the village of the quikapoux, I fed them at my expense and gave them presents of powder, Bullets and Shirts, The whole Estimated at | 50 | 100 |
| And when I left The quikapoux, I gave the village The remainder of my Goods to thank Them for Their Good | | |
| Treatment—Estimated at eighty francs. | 80 | 160 |
| | 1431 | 2862 |

1729: COPPER MINE ON LAKE SUPERIOR

[Letter of Beauharnois and Hocquart to the French Minister, dated October 25, 1729. MS. in archives of Ministère des Colonies, Paris; press-mark, "Canada, Corresp. gén., vol. 51, c. 11, fol. 69."]

Monseigneur—We have received the Letter you did us the honor of writing us on May 22, last, on the subject of the copper mine on the west point of Lake Superior. The Sieur de Cavagnial, to whom the Sieur Marquis de Beauharnois had ordered a specimen from the mine to be given in order that it might be presented to you, did not inquire closely into the cost of expressly sending a Canoe there when he told you that it would amount to a Thousand Livres only for the food and wages

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¹See note on Pierre François Rigault, Marquis de Vaudreuil, *ante* p. 31.—Ep.