

in his "Histoire Naturelle du Can-
ada" This small and interesting
volume was prepared by the old
Governor for the information
and amusement of his friends
at the Court of Louis the XIV.
In this work Boucher mention-
ed that among the birds that
were daily shot in Canada
were ten kinds of divers,
ducks and cranes; he also
mentions bitterns, Snipes,
wood cocks, Jack snipes,
sand-pipers, or sea-larks, as
he calls them, but he does
not account with any
field-larks. He also men-
tions Robards, or White
gulls, fifteen species of Birds
of prey, and the Wild Turkey,
the latter species, however,
as it was not found
in the valley of the St. Lawrence
but in the country of the
Mohawks (near the southern
parts of Ontario) so here they
were very numerous and con-
stituted a delicious food.
He also mentions three speci-
es of Grass, which are
now identified as the Sparrow
and Ruffed Grouse and the pot-
omogen, and reference is
also made to the beautiful plu-
mage of the Tanager and the
Indigo Bird -
M^r de La Boine, a French Can-
adian resident at the city of