

THE LES ECUREUILS OBJECT.

On June 12, 1960, between 3 and 4 am EDT a sonic boom rocked the area around Quebec city. At about the same time as near as can be determined a fiery object fell out of the sky, splitting at about 1 or 2 thousand feet altitude into two pieces, one somewhat larger than the other, both of which fell into the St. Lawrence river near Les Ecurieuls, about 20 miles up river from Quebec City. The smaller piece was quite close to the shore and was visible at low tide, the other is close to the shipping lane and completely submerged.

The Canadian Arsenal's Research and Development Establishment sent a tank wrecker to the site about the middle of August and lifted the smaller piece and took it to one of their laboratories. The object was metallic and extremely rough and showing evidence of melting and crushing. It was about 6 feet in diameter and weighed about 1800 pounds. In the various crevasses there was much material resembling rust and some material resembling plastic. At the top of the object were two "pipes" of rather obvious fabrication, one about 6 inches in diameter and with a two inch bore and the other about two inches in diameter with about 1/4 inch wall. The pipes were about 18 inches high and quite regular. The main material was so hard that it defied hacksaw cutting but small samples were broken off with great effort using a large crowbar.

The following speculation is offered for what it may be worth. The facts are:- The object probably fell from well outside the earth's atmosphere. There was a sonic boom. A fiery object was sighted. The object shows evidence of melting and ablation, and heavy impact. It is mostly a hard metal with occlusions. It shows evidence of intelligent fabrication. The metal structure indicates that the original shape was probably a fairly