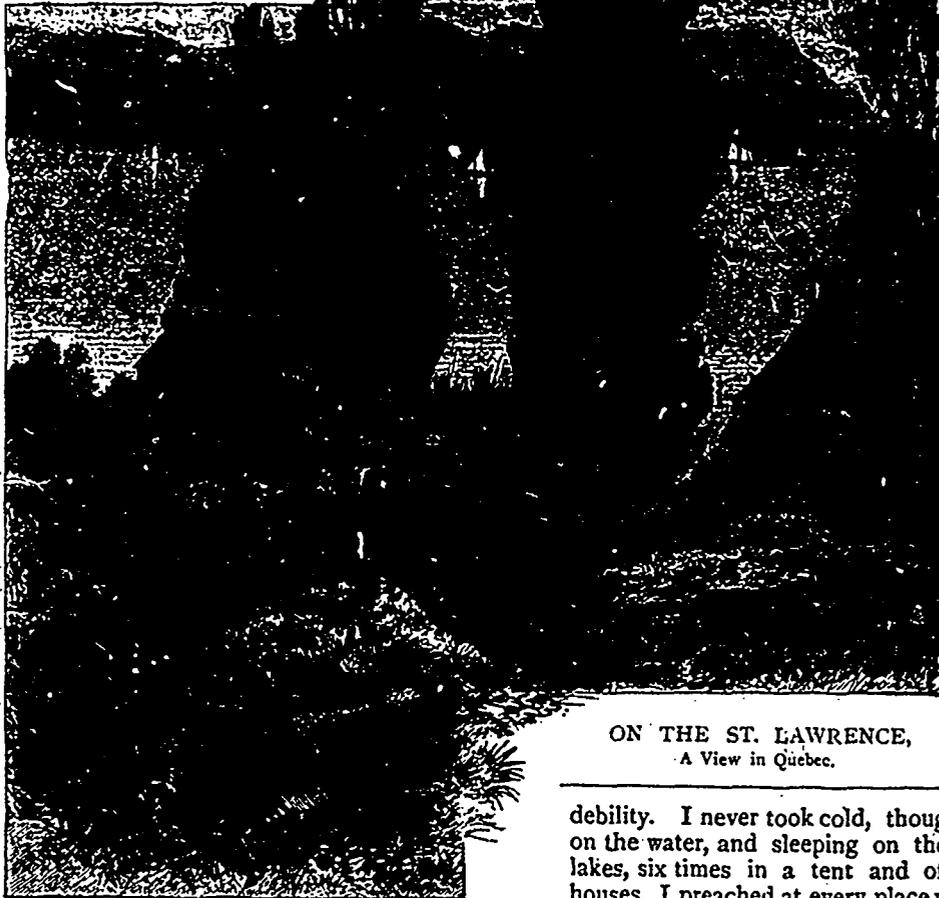


1816 (exclusive of provisions), amounting to nearly £150 or about \$750! The railway fare from Montreal to Detroit now is considerably under twenty dollars. Previous to that year, 1816, he had coasted Lake Erie in a canoe with twelve voyageurs visiting places fully a thousand miles from Quebec. His travelling about this time in the Lower Province (Quebec) is thus described by himself:—

“From St. Armand to the river St. Francis, (a sort of zig-zag diagonal of all these townships,) we travelled in



ON THE ST. LAWRENCE,
A View in Quebec.

waggons, over high mountains, and through deep valleys and woods, in roads composed of rocks and roots, only exchanged, occasionally, for short, but deep, black, swampy soil. Nobody would believe, before I tried it, that it could be so accomplished; but, thanks be to God, it *was* so accomplished, although we sometimes could not

advance more than twelve miles a day, and though we ourselves frequently thought the obstacles were insurmountable. It has been accomplished, too, (through mercy,) not only without injury to my health, (though, for a few days, I had reason to fear that the old complaint in my side was alarmingly increased by it,) but with a great improvement of it, I found myself able to walk seven or eight miles at a time, through bad roads, and much more through good. My rest was perfect; the coarsest food was acceptable to me. My strength and activity seemed almost daily to increase; and though I was often sensible of fatigue, it was not a fatigue followed by languor or

debility. I never took cold, though wet through on the water, and sleeping on the shores of the lakes, six times in a tent and often in strange houses. I preached at every place where I stopped and found it practicable to hold divine service (four times, for instance, in five days), and made many arrangements for the establishing of future churches.”

The roads in Canada in olden days almost beggar description. They were composed of logs, sticks, stumps, rocks, holes and bogs. An Irishman being asked by his master how he had got