

The total number of lives lost during the six years the work was in progress was twenty-six. Most of these were lost by drowning. Nearly every man on the bridge was a good swimmer; but it seldom occurred that any man who fell overboard, and was drawn into the eddy caused by the torrent that was rushing past, was ever saved, even though life-buoys and boats were in readiness at every point.

In all work carried out by Messrs. Peto, Brassey, and Betts, ample medical attendance is uniformly provided for those who receive injury or are sick. Our medical staff for the Victoria Bridge consisted of—

Dr. Macdonell, Principal Surgeon, St. Patrick's Hospital.

Dr. David.

Dr. Robillard.

Dr. Godfrey.

Dr. Howard, Oculist for Snow Blindness.

To the whole of these gentlemen the thanks of all connected with the work are due, for the attention and humanity they uniformly displayed, and for their zealous devotion to their duties.

The cost of this staff exceeded £1000 annually. The writer would scarcely mention this, but for the fact that, during the early part of the work, the attention paid to the welfare of the workmen was not duly appreciated at Montreal. The reflections, however, which were cast upon those who conducted the works were more than compensated for by the favourable opinion expressed by the Bishop of Montreal, and which, in order completely to dispel all imputations on this score, the writer must be permitted to quote. At the entertainment given at the completion of the work in 1859, his Lordship said—

"He was there because he wished to pay the tribute of his personal respect to Mr. Hodges, to testify his high sense of that gentleman's integrity and of the Christian principle with which he had provided for the education and spiritual supervision of all the people connected with the work. He looked on this gentleman's example as one which all employers should follow. They had no right to congregate large bodies of people without making provision for their spiritual wants. Mr. Hodges, with the approbation of his principals, had acted so as to secure this great blessing for the people employed by him, and the integrity of character, high moral principles, and Christian philanthropy which had actuated Mr. Hodges, would remain on perpetual record."

With regard to the provision made for the workmen, it should be mentioned that they were provided with a comfortable range of dwellings close to their work. A portion of the range was fitted up as a chapel and school-room. It was used for Divine