

the Grand Trunk Company, (besides others too insignificant to mention) have resulted in the following indictment:—

1st. That I once estimated the improvement of the Rapids of the River St. Lawrence at £10,000, while some other parties have estimated this work at £200,000. The *Leader* has understated my estimate about fifty per cent., and forgot to mention that the Engineer of the Board of Works also estimated this improvement at £25,000 or £30,000. A house, a ship, or a bridge, designed for the same purpose, will be estimated differently, if they are to be built of wood or iron—and with respect to the matter in question my plan involved no blasting under water—while the others were wholly or partially based upon this expensive, and in my judgment unnecessary operation. As a case in point, I may mention that in 1847, Mr. Killaly estimated the landing piers below Quebec as follows:—Berthier £2,000; L'Islet £2,000; Cap Orrigneaux £2,000; Rivière du Loup £3,000; Father Point £1,500; total £10,500. I believe the cost has been at least ten times greater: but, no doubt, Mr. Killaly can explain the changes and alterations of plan, or other causes, which have occasioned the discrepancy.

2nd. That a Montreal paper once stated that a culvert built by me, under the Lachine Canal, had fallen in, and an arch had crumbled away. The culvert did not exactly fall in, but the water fell into it. This culvert was built upon a plan forced upon the Montreal Corporation by the Board of Works, which retained the right of supervision over it during construction, and it so happens that I protested in writing against it, as likely to let the water in, and my predictions were unfortunately verified. The story about the arch is all moonshine. No arch upon the Montreal Water Works has “crumbled away,” or given way, as the *Leader* can easily satisfy himself, by enquiring of Mr. Walter Shanly.

3rd. That I deprived Captain Bell of the Montreal Harbour Commission, of the credit of some tables of dredging, compiled by him, and also of the discovery of a new channel. This is just the reverse of the facts. If the *Leader* had seen my report, he would have found that Capt. Bell's name is affixed to the table compiled by him, after a form furnished by me. Moreover, I believe I was

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