

At St. Michel again, near Beaumont I was witness to the fact that, as I passed by, during a thunder storm, a man trending towards his home in an adjoining field, was struck dead by a flash of the electric fluid from the clouds, and remained suddenly motionless, erect, and in the same attitude as when overtaken by the death dealing shaft of fire.

But the strangest and most beautiful display of lightning or atmospheric electric currents, which it was my good fortune to witness, it being the only time in my life I ever witnessed anything of the kind, was out on the Beauport flats near Quebec when as I then wrote *Flammarion* of the 'Société d'Astronomie de France' two electrically laden clouds, as though two trees lying horizontally, their heads towards each other, with their longer branches interwoven; kept on for fully more than 10 minutes, interchanging horizontal flashes of beautifully coloured fire, not one of which ever reached the earth; while occasionally a flash would shoot upwards as if towards some cloud in that direction, but which I could not see any sign of.

You would have given atmost anything Mr. Editor, to have been witness to this, of all the displays witnessed during my life, the most enchanting.

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#### 71.—Synoptical review of a busy career.

(a) The writer of this memoir, while studying Architecture with the late T. Baillargé, after a course of education at the Quebec Seminary -- was once handed in through the window wicket, and that accompanied by a protective smile, by one Delorbaez, the munificent sum of 75 cents for a complete set of plans, sections, elevations, specifications and estimated cost of a dwelling house.

(b) He since planned and superintended the construction of —1o. The Laval University buildings about 1854 — 2o. The Beauport Church under curé Bernard, since burned down and rebuilt under Mr. Berlinguet—3o. The St. Jean Baptiste Church, since destroyed by fire in 1882 and rebuilt by a former pupil of