

June 1st, 1896. — Captain Andrews was presented with the engrossed resolution (shown on the opposite page) awarded him by the unanimous vote of the Royal Canadian Humane Association, instituted 1894. His Excellency the Right Honorable the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, in making the presentation, expressed the hope that Captain Andrews would soon regain his sight, so as to resume his humane and glorious work. (Cheers.)

In reply, the Captain said that should it please Providence to restore his sight, he would be most happy to re-enter the life-saving service, and concluded his remarks by reciting the following poem, addressed to the people of Canada :

“VOX POPULI.”

“Ours is a government of the people, by the people, and for the people.”

—*Seneca.*

We honor our statesmen with a knightly crest,
Grant medals to soldiers who fought in the West ;
All honor to these, but what of the men
Who have saved precious lives again and again ?

Are they less heroic than those I have named ?
If trouble comes o'er them, are they to be blamed ?
Or is this great nation too poor or too mean
To grant medals only for serving the Queen ?

While Nations confer on them medals and stars
Much grander than those won in Britain's great wars,
And foreigners write on their bright scroll of fame
Their many brave acts, with each Chevalier's name,

Will Canada prove to these heroes less kind
Who in her own service became poor and blind ;
Or will she reward her own sons true and brave,
Who so oft risked their lives our loved ones to save ?

Let the voice of the people be heard, I ask,
Then our rulers will find it an easy task
To place on the pension-roll men who have won
The love of mankind for the deeds they have done.

—W. D. ANDREWS.