

secure as nearly as possible perfect immunity from the disease. We would therefore call the attention of the hon. member who introduced the Vaccination Act, to the absolute necessity which exists for the introduction into it of a clause, rendering it compulsory for vaccination to be repeated every seven years. We have given the matter much thought, and trust that the profession throughout the Province will aid the work by inculcating among their private patients the benefits of re-vaccination.

THE LATE RAILWAY DISASTER.

The report of this unfortunate affair has been read by all. To attempt a description would be foreign to our purpose and quite unnecessary. It is miraculous that so many escaped with life. We have on several occasions looked from the window of the cars while passing over the bridge at Belœil, and invariably experienced a sense of relief when we found ourselves once more on *terra firma*.

The wounded were brought to this city and distributed between the two hospitals. In the Montreal General Hospital there were admitted 138, all more or less injured. And in the Hotel Dieu 109 were taken into the house, 89 of whom were injured, making a total of 247. All suffered more or less from the jar, some in a very slight degree. At the time we write, about two-thirds have recovered, and have left the city for their destination west.

The Grand Trunk Company are settling the claims of sufferers with promptitude and liberality. Everything that human skill and Christian kindness could suggest, has been done by the authorities of both hospitals, to relieve the sufferers. This large accession to the number of inmates of both hospitals has necessarily entailed extra labor on the physicians in attendance,—a labor which has been one of love.

Admitted into the Montreal General Hospital of men, women and children, 138. Slight contusions, 89; severe contusions, 6; injury of spine with paraplegia, 1; Fracture of skull, 1; of face with paralysis of eye-lid 1; of leg, 3; of thigh, 2; of arm, 4; of clavicle 4; of body of scapula, 1; of neck of scapula, 1; of rib, 1; not injured, 25. One woman brought to Hospital dead, 1; One woman died shortly after admission. Two children included in above have since died.

There were admitted into the Hotel Dieu Hospital, of men, women and children, 109. Of these there were: Slight contusions, 50; severe contusions, 20; fractures of arm, 6; fracture of leg, 1; fractures of arm and leg, 2; fracture of clavicle, 2; fractures of scapula, 1; dislocation of shoulder, 4; amputation of thigh, performed at Belœil, 1; delivery, the