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Quebec Bridge 1907

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Eight of thirty-three men were some of the finest Kahnawake Lacrosse Players. CAUGHNWAGA LACROSSE TEAM, THE MEMBERS OF WHICH WORKED ON THE QUEBEC BRIDGE—The majority of these were killed in the recent collapse of the south cantilever arm.

The names of the players are: James Goodleaf (killed): James D'Ailleboust (killed): Angus Leaf (killed). Dominick D'Ailleboust (not killed): F.S. Kirby (killed): Alex Beauvais (wounded): Angus Blue (killed). Dominick McComber (who went on strike two hours before the accident, and who was not working at the time of the collapse): Solomon Angus: Veteran of Gen. Gordon's Nile Relief Expedition, (killed): Thomas Deer (brother of Peter Deer, famous Indian runner, (killed): Peter Stacey (not working when bridge went down).





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The Quebec Bridge was slated to be the greatest and largest cantilever bridge in the world. The bridge construction began in April 1906. All appeared to be on schedule until June 1907, when workers noticed bends in the bridge's struts.

The bridge engineers knew there were serious structural problems however they directed workers to continue working. The decision to stop construction by the end of that month was too late. At approximately 5:30pm August 29, 1907, the bridge collapsed taking the lives of 75 men, 33 of those killed were Mohawks of Kahnawake.

Despite this tragedy and a tremendous loss to their community, Kahnawake men with the support of their families continued to travel, perfect their trade and gain an international reputation as the best and the bravest high steel workers in the world.

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