

We were under the impression that the chamber had been furnishing such credentials to English investors whose financial co-operation for development of mines is solicited, but it appears from the Gazette's recent articles and others that this is not the case. While there cannot be the slightest question as to the responsibility of many of the gentlemen from Canadian business circles who have taken out membership in the Chamber of Mines and lent their names to it as a guarantee of its reliability there seems to be something wrong with its advertising methods and the sooner this is remedied the better it will be for both the chamber and the mining region which

southern entrance crosses a narrow neck in the lake. A macadam drive follows the bluff along the north side, at the left, and a viaduct over Delaware avenue connects the Meadow Park from the lake section. Upon this portion of the park many thousands of dollars have been expended in improvements. The shrubs and trees include many of the rare decorative species and varieties, and a profusion of flowers is always to be seen along the drives and walks throughout the summer. The main buildings of the exposition are directly north of the point from which the view is taken.

The lake is to be connected by a series of small cataracts with the grand canal, mirror lakes and lagoons that surround the exposition building.

and in this fact is the secret of the non-success of the mutual elevators.

There have been some successes, as the reports at hand of the annual meetings held in July show. The house at Amboy paid \$1,142 net; that at Dassel a 25 per cent. dividend, compared with 30 per cent. the year before; that at Itenville earned \$1,500; that at Sherburne earned \$1,775 net; that at Castlewood made a good profit, and so on. On the other side of the ledger we find at Chokio the mutual elevator manager short in his accounts from \$6,000 to \$7,000; at Graceville, on purchases of 15,000 bushels only, the manager was shy \$104.—Chicago Elevator Journal.

#### Chamber of Mines.

The following article under the title of Central Canada Mines Comedy,"



Park Lake.

it is making such a disinterested and laudable effort to advertise.

#### Water Features of the Pan-American Exposition.

The beautiful lake here illustrated is about half a mile in length and is within the grounds of the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo in 1901. The scene is in the most picturesque portion of Delaware Park which is considered one of the finest in America. The lake is one of a number of fine water features of the exposition, and is to be illuminated in a novel way at night by countless electric lights. The wooded slopes and shaded walks that surround it are restful retreats, and the quiet lake scene is ever picturesque and refreshing. The picture is taken from a point near the west end of the lake, a few rods northeast of where the broad driveway from the main

#### Co-Operation Among Farmers.

The farmers of Minnesota have given rather more attention to the co-operative idea than those perhaps of any other American state. They have organized co-operative creameries, mutual insurance companies, elevators, stores, etc. There are 126 township mutual fire insurance companies in the state and about 650 co-operative creameries. There are not so many elevators. So far as appears, the insurance companies and creameries have been much more successful than the elevators or other commercial co-operative enterprises.

We are not aware that any professional sociologist has advanced a reason for this apparent anomaly. It would be interesting to have it. Does it call for a higher order of skill to successfully manage an elevator business than it does to make a creamery pay or to keep a township insurance company on a solvent basis? Frankly, we believe it does;

appears in the Canadian Gazette (London, Eng.) of Aug 2:

For a body so magnificently equipped, the Central Canada Chamber of Mines would seem to be either stupendously comic or astoundingly dense. The names of its patrons, officers, general committee, and foundation members fill four pages of a closely printed leaflet, and comprise the governor-general of Canada, the premier of Canada, the premier of Manitoba, the lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, the governors and presidents of the leading Canadian banks, railway companies, and boards of trade; and there would almost seem to be hardly a prominent merchant of Winnipeg, Port Arthur and Rat Portage who does not figure among its official sponsors. What greater promise could there be of enlightened administration and business-like capacity? Yet what do we find? In the Canadian Gazette of June 14 we commented upon a "press extract" sent to us by the chamber, in common with