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### Visit to the Centennial Exhibition—No. 2

There are always two sides to any question. In  
our last number we gave a brief account of the  
bright side. We will now give a few jottings from  
the dark side that may also be of interest. The  
Centennial Exhibition has been got up in such an  
Utopian style as to be in advance of the times; or,  
at least, in advance of direct pecuniary gain to the  
principal promoters. The great loss will be borne  
by about half-a-dozen wealthy Americans, to some  
of whom a million dollars is of no more conse-  
quence than five cents to some individuals. They  
have done a noble work, and done it well. It will  
redound to their honor. The attendance of  
visitors has not been one quarter so great as an-  
ticipated. Many private exhibitors and caterers  
for the public will lose from twenty to fifty thou-  
sand dollars. Perhaps the greatest gain will be to  
the railway refreshment stations. Their charges  
are high and accommodation low. The keepers of  
these petted and fostered establishments are reap-  
ing the profits that should be divided among the  
stock-holders of railways, or invalidated servants.  
Seventy-five cents for twenty cents' worth is too  
much. The unnecessary number of horses killed  
by over-work on street cars is a disgrace to the  
corporation. The ancient English house erected  
has but a sorry resemblance to reality. No tree,  
shrub, flower or—woman. What a farce!

The monster picture, spoken of in American  
papers as the largest in the world, is the worst  
thing we saw on our journey. It is a disgrace to  
the exhibition of art to the country and to society,  
both in the subject and in an artistic point of view.

In the dairy department much was expected, but  
the heat melted the butter, and caused the neces-  
sary removal of some of the cheese. It is a wonder  
to us that everything is in such good order as it is.  
It will repay any one that can afford it to take a  
trip and see it. One excursion train has been run  
from Hamilton to Philadelphia and return for \$8.

There are four excursion trains to be run from St.  
Thomas—one each week in September. Grangers  
\$10, the general public \$11. From Toronto,  
\$8. From London an excursion train is to be run  
for \$10. From Suspension Bridge or Buffalo the  
charge has been as low as \$5, while from Detroit  
(the greatest distance) \$6 has been the fare. The  
American lines carry passengers at the present  
time very much below the rate charged by  
Canadian railways. Many that are near the lines  
will prefer purchasing their ticket in the States.

### Seed Wheat.

Which is the best kind to sow? is a question  
that is often put to us by callers and by our mail  
correspondents. We cannot answer the question  
satisfactorily to all. There are some farmers that  
will continue to sow their favorite variety for years  
after it has ceased to be profitable, and despite all  
the persuasions that may be brought forward to  
induce them to change their variety.

We have seen hundreds of acres of Soules wheat  
sown the past season; not one field of that variety  
have we heard of that would half pay the expenses  
on it. The Arnold's, or Gold Medal wheat, if  
any different from the Soules, is no better. The  
Delhi, Treadwell, Michigan Amber, Mediterranean,  
&c., have in some instances yielded well, and there  
are some good, fair samples of each variety to be  
procured, but they are scarce.

The Scott wheat, the wheat we have for many  
years commended, has fared much better than any  
of the above named varieties. Still there are  
some few localities where that may have not ex-  
ceeded other varieties, but they are very rare, and  
from personal observation we feel safe in saying  
that the farmers this year alone have not as much  
wheat to sell by one million dollars' worth as they  
would have if they had sown more of the Scott  
and the Clawson wheats. The Scott wheat is a  
bald, white-chaffed, red wheat; it shells very  
easily, and gathers up or tilters well in the spring;  
it improves more towards harvest, and turns out in  
threshing better than the appearance generally in-  
dicates. Many of the afore-mentioned varieties,  
make a great show on the ground, but a small  
show when the grain is put into the bin.

We consider the Scott wheat the least liable to  
rust.

The Clawson is a bald, red-chaffed white wheat;  
some call it the Seneca, but a farmer named Claw-  
son first selected it from other wheat grown by  
him, carefully cultivated it for years and gave it the  
name, and in honor to the originator or introducer,  
we think it proper not to deprive Mr. Clawson of  
his right. This valuable variety has on an average  
yielded much more than any other wheat raised in  
Canada for the past two years. It appears to stand  
against the winter changes better than any other  
variety, not excepting the Scott; it is a strong,  
rampant grower and stands well. In some few in-  
stances it has not surpassed the Scott. In some lo-  
calities it has been the only wheat that has yielded

a profitable return. There are some mixed and  
foul lots, or badly shrunken lots, that dealers do  
not like to touch, to be procured at low rates, but  
really good, clean seed is scarce of this variety.  
The extreme drouth effected most of it to some  
extent.

Mr. S. Wade, of Elgin county, informs us that  
27 bushels have been raised from one bushel in his  
county. Mr. J. B. Freeman, of Norfolk, says he  
examined with a microscope the Clawson and  
Delhi wheats grown in the same field. The Delhi  
was full of midge and the crop destroyed; the  
Clawson was the best wheat in his county. In  
Brant county, Mr. Sovereign had an acre of Claw-  
son in a forty acre field; it yielded better than any  
other wheat in that locality. The sample of Claw-  
son raised in Middlesex is the best we have seen.  
From Oxford, Kent and Huron we have heard of  
instances where the Scott is still ahead; these two  
varieties throw all others a long way in the rear  
this year.

In answer to the questions put to us, we say—  
sow Scott and Clawson wheat; they are the two  
safest varieties.

### Did the Foot and Mouth Disease Make its Appearance in Canada?

Professor Smith, of the Toronto Veterinary  
College, has communicated to the *Veterinary  
Journal* some particulars of the outbreak in  
Canada of this disease, now admitted to have been  
the Foot and Mouth Disease. He reports as fol-  
lows:—

Last year we had an outbreak of the foot and  
mouth disease among the cattle in Ontario. It  
came through the medium of some sheep imported  
from England in the month of August. They  
were shipped from England, I believe, apparently  
healthy, duly inspected, and furnished with a  
clean bill of health (one of the fallacies of inspec-  
tion). When several days at sea some of them  
were noticed to be lame and sore, and the attend-  
ant thought they were cases of footrot, or perhaps  
simple bruises. These sheep were brought to the  
Province, and located on two farms, 60 miles apart.  
These cattle on these and neighboring farms soon  
became affected with *eczeema epizootica*, and there  
was considerable excitement in the districts so  
infected. On the part of the Ontario Government  
I was requested to investigate the circumstances  
connected with the appearance of the disease, and  
also to report measures to prevent its spread. In  
all, about 200 head of cattle were affected, and I  
had no difficulty in tracing the origin of the disease  
to the sheep already referred to."

This letter is commented on by the *Veterinary  
Journal*, the *Agricultural Gazette* and *National Live  
Stock Journal* (American). In the action taken  
at the time by the Editor of this paper in directing  
the attention of the Dominion Government to the  
existence of this disease in the neighborhood he  
was actuated solely by a desire to serve the agri-  
cultural and other interests of the country. We  
would now respectfully ask the editor of the To-  
ronto *Globe and Mail* and other papers to review  
the course they took, and make a suitable correc-  
tion in their next issue.