



BIG DIVIDENDS vs. PAUPER WAGES.

"THE public will be glad to hear that the Coffee House Association have been considering the raising of the waiter-girls' wages for two years past."—*News*.

Yes; and the public will be still more gratified to learn that the thing is done.

"THE WORLD DO MOVE."

PEEPS INTO THE FUTURE BY GRIP'S OWN CLAIRVOYANT.

No. 1.

SUCCESSFUL FALL FAIRS.

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IN no direction during five years past has a greater stride been made in the way of developing the true and chiefest resources of this Canada of ours—its agricultural interests—than in the phenomenally successful promotion of the Dominion's Great and Only Industrial Exhibition, held in Toronto, and which has just been closed after a run of two months, during which 4,782,321 persons have entered at the turn-stile, "paid their money and taken their choice" of the multifarious and varied attractions presented for their edification, interest and amusement.

In the decease of all the other Great District Fall Fairs—a dissolution only natural in view of the impossibility of competition with one of such aggregation, wealth, prestige and duration, as the D. G. and O. I. E., of this city—we see nothing calling for regret. On the contrary, fulfilling as the Township Society Fall Fairs now are, such excellent purposes in stimulating healthy rivalry among neighboring farmers and thus advancing close at home the cause of educated and improved farming and stock-raising, the *raison d'être* of such concerns as London, Hamilton, Ottawa, St. Thomas, Guelph, Barrie and other centres, which once upon a time essayed to hold Great Exhibitions, cannot, with any show of argument, to say nothing of plain common sense, be maintained.

We are rejoiced, therefore, to realize that there is now but one Grand Central Dominion Fall Exhibition in Canada, and that all its would-be rivals are swept out of existence without the remotest possibility of resuscitation. Of course it is eminently fit and proper that the Queen City should be the site thereof. That circumstance does not admit of a moment's question. 'Twere abject folly to fancy the Fair at any other point.

Taking a brief glance in review at the attractions of the D. G. and O. I. E., of which our columns have daily held lengthy accounts, we are at once pleased and surprised at the marked overshadowing by this year's Exhibition of all former ones.

It is quite true there was an entire absence of Live Stock (trotting stock excepted). But as our farmers see horses and cattle around home, no one seemed to miss them from their accustomed places on the Toronto ground. Devoting the amount of space formerly allotted to this stock to an amphitheatre for genuine Spanish bull-fights, was a grand idea. The contests were universally admired and provoked the most intense enthusiasm. The prowess of the matador who slaughtered four fierce animals before succumbing to his wounds, has never before, at all events in Canada, been equalled in the arena. Bull-fighting will doubtless be on the programme regularly at future Exhibitions.

Passing to the race-track, we find some of the best contested and most noteworthy events in the history of the turf. Every day's sport was a revelation. Betting was always lively and very big money changed hands almost every heat. It is matter for congratulation that only two fatal accidents occurred during the races.

The Directors, very wisely, we think, concluded to dispense with the Dairy Department and to give the space to the proprietors of a museum and wax-works exhibit, the latter of which exhibited splendid facsimiles of all the noted murderers of the past and present centuries. It is needless to remark that this feature was a great card. The menagerie which occupied the place vacant by the abolition of the Fine Arts Department, was eloquent testimony to the enterprise and ingenuity of the owners. It was perhaps a mistake to keep the animals without food for a whole week, so that the people could hear them roar. Three days at furthest would have been long enough. It was unmistakably owing to this alleged mistake that the unfortunate Signor Yohomyohum met his death while performing in the lions' cage.

The Directors have already apologized and expressed regrets for their inability to secure the consent of the Government to allow the recent hanging to take place publicly on the Fair grounds. We are sure the people will not (though justly disappointed) blame the Board, but will place the responsibility on the right shoulders.

It was commendable, to be sure, for the Pyrotechnic Committee to prepare that splendid surprise of setting fire to the Main Building in order to show off the capacity of the Fire Brigade. But, at the same time, it is to be regretted that insufficient preparation was made to save life during the panic. The upshot will doubtless be that several actions will be entered against the Association on the part of relatives of the killed and wounded.

The Roman gladiator combat will long be remembered. The survivor is now, we understand, in a fair way of recovery. Even the prize ring—in which on this very day a most famous fight to a finish was in progress—failed to diminish the attendance at the gladiator combat.

The nightly lectures given by the resident American Bank Cashiers' Guild were always well patronized. To hear any one of the gay and festive orators was to enjoy a laugh at rare witticisms and drolleries. Machinery Hall being deserted, it was deemed advisable to employ it for the Great Lottery which was held under Association auspices, and which yielded so well to all parties concerned.

The Fiji Island Cannibals took well. The female trapeze performers were fine. And the other minor fea-