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Passage: The Thames Tunnel



When it opened in 1843 the Thames Tunnel was described as the English Wonder of the world. People came from far and wide to see the first tunnel under a river. On the first day, fifty thousand people descended the staircase and paid a penny to walk through the tunnel. By the end of the first three months there were a million people, or half the population of London. This was the most successful visitor attraction in the world. In the age of sail and horse-drawn coaches, people came long distances and bought souvenirs and listened to the entertainment in the cross-tunnel arches. The idea, of course, was not entertainment but to move cargo and turn a profit.

1. People were drawn from all over to see the Thames Tunnel.
2. People were able to travel by sea or land in those days.
3. Statues of the tunnel could be purchased as souvenirs.
4. The aim of building the tunnel was make money as a tourist attraction.