

BUSINESS IMPROVING

Local Railways Report an Increase in Freight Traffic.

Many Orders for Empty Cars Coming In - How an Untruthful Story Nearly Caused a Strike.

While the loaded car movement of the week ending Sept. 16 was not up to that of the corresponding weeks of 1901 and 1902, it compares favorably with years preceding these. The volume of business handled in September, 1901 and 1902, was unprecedented, especially in 1902. While it is not probable that in any week of the remaining months of this year the volume of business of corresponding weeks last year will be reached, the indications are that from this on there will be a heavier freight movement. The inquiry for rates and cars gives good basis for a belief that the worst is passed. Ford Wood, general freight agent of the Peoria & Eastern, on Friday received orders from western points for over three hundred empty cars, exceeding the orders on any day previous in the last three months. Assistant General Freight Agent Holiday of the Big Four, spent part of last week in looking up the situation preparatory to the promised increase in traffic. H. C. Parker, traffic manager of the Lake Erie & Western, reports more inquiry for cars and predicts a marked improvement in business with the east-and-west lines within the next few weeks, and the fast-freight line men begin to talk more encouragingly. They say but a small per centage of the wheat and oats crop has been marketed, and sixty days from now a fair crop will be ready to move. Retail merchants are carrying light stocks, which means an increase in local traffic, which is still light as compared with the volume before the general falling market. Business in local business, the last few days, there has been a decided increase. The commission men are handling trainloads of produce daily. The lumber and furniture manufacturers are beginning to ship more goods, and the flour mills, cereals and starch works are shipping more of their product than in any September before. Being given the number of cars received and forwarded at this point for the week ending Sept. 16, as compared with the corresponding week of the preceding years.

Table with columns: Name of Road, Loaded cars, Empty cars, Total cars. Rows include L. N. & C., A. & W., C. & D., etc.

How the Press Encourages Unrest.

William Garstang, superintendent of motive power of the Big Four, a very conservative, prudent and correct official, says the railroad companies would have much less trouble with their men if the newspapers were more correct in making statements, and in their comments on matters which are based on mere rumors. He was much annoyed on Friday over a sensational article which appeared in one of the Cincinnati papers, and which tended to make every employe on the Peoria & Eastern uneasy, especially the trainmen. The Peoria & Eastern is short of power, and six of the Big Four engines were transferred to the Peoria to help the road out. The latter part of this month the P. & E. will receive from the Brooks locomotive works ten new heavy freight engines. Knowing this fact, Mr. Garstang suggested to the master mechanic of the P. & E. that he send to him a complete list of his engineers, with term of service, and his names, naming those among the firemen who were most competent for promotion to engineers. Mr. Garstang plainly stated that he was anxious to have P. & E. men given the new positions, and in this manner he took up the matter in advance. His action furnished the basis for a sensational article in a Cincinnati paper, and the result was that the men and in total disregard for truth, which so excited the engineers and firemen on the P. & E. that a strike was only averted in some of the most able-headed men and convincing them that the action of Mr. Garstang was wholly in their interest.

Mr. Murray's New Appointment.

There is a rumor, which seems to have some foundation, that Oscar Murray, vice president of the Big Four, is to be appointed vice president in charge of the traffic department of the Lake Shore road.

Personal, Local and General Notes.

The Wabash has been expending considerable money on its road between Logansport and Cili. C. H. Peddie, superintendent of the Central road of New Jersey, has been spending a few days with relatives in Terre Haute. The Wabash, Detroit & Chicago division, opened for business a few months ago, is doing an immense business, and is running its trains in four and five sections. The Union Railway Company of Lafayette is securing the right of way for further extending its tracks, connecting the railways centering there with the various manufacturing. The running of solid trains between Washington and Chicago over the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Big Four is proving profitable, the business some days reaching three or four heavy trains. Thomas Noonan, general manager of the Central States Dispatch, states that, notwithstanding the light traffic, this line has held its own in tonnage and earnings thus far this year, as compared with 1902. President Ingalls states that Train 18, which runs from Chicago to Cincinnati, in the month of August earned \$4.44 per mile run, and he challenges any road in this country to show an equally favorable exhibit of earnings of a passenger train.

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