

TELLS WHY WE SHOULD BE PROUD OF ILLINOIS

Chamber of Commerce Statistician Relates Story of State's Phenomenal Development

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the eighty-third of a series of articles written for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce entitled "Re-Discovering Illinois." Their purpose is to benefit, build and develop Illinois as a whole. These facts, it is felt, should be of great value to school children, students in our high schools and villages, as well as to all civic groups and individual citizens.

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More money is on deposit in the banks of Illinois than in all the banks of France. More telephones are in use in Illinois than in all the nations on the South American continent. More wealth is owned in Illinois than in all Italy.

More acres of land are under the plow in Illinois than in all the continent of Australia. More hogs are fattening in Illinois than in all the pens of England. More cattle are being fed on Illinois farms than on the farms of the entire nation of Hungary.

Illinois is larger than Holland, Belgium and Denmark combined and has more population than Sweden; it has more miles of railroad than Japan and mines more coal than all Asia with its billion people. Illinois' annual production of manufactured goods is greater than that of Canada.

Yet even so recently as 1850 Illinois was an unsettled frontier. In that year Illinois' most populous centers were Chicago, 29,000 inhabitants; Quincy, 7,000; Galena, 6,000; Peoria, 5,000 and Springfield, 4,500. There were only thirteen other towns in the state with a population of more than 2,000!

What has wrought this mighty change?

Natural wealth plus transport, says the Illinois Chamber of Commerce,

which has developed these and other facts as a result of a recent study of the transportation system of Illinois. In the year 1850 the state had 98 miles of railroad. This consisted of three or four short lines with rails of wood topped with strap-iron. Horses and mules were largely the motive power.

Illinois' first great project was the building of the Illinois Central. It was incorporated in 1851 and the original charter called for the construction of 705 miles of trackage. This was from Cairo to East Dubuque with another line from the then main line at Centralia to Chicago.

At that time Illinois was practically without highways. The most of the roads merely followed meandering Indian trails found when the white man came. On that first 705 miles of the Illinois Central system, except for Chicago and Galena, there were only two towns of more than 1,000 population. These were Bloomington and Freeport. From Chicago to Centralia, 250 miles, there wasn't a village.

What is the picture today? Illinois now has 12,033 miles of standard gage steam railroad, a gain of more than 12,000 per cent, and 2,700 miles of electric line. Illinois has more miles of railroad than any state in the union except Texas, which is five times as

large, and more miles of railroad to the square mile of area than any other state.

And we find that fifty-five of every 100 freight cars loaded in the United States, every year, either originate in Illinois or pass through it on way to destination. Which gives Illinois full claim to the title of being the "busiest business corner in the United States."

CLERK-CARRIER EXAM

A clerk-carrier civil service examination will be held at the Winnetka post office some time in January. The date is to be announced later. The last day for the receipt of applications is January 5. They will not be accepted after that time. Application blanks can be secured at the post office.

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