

NO MORE MULE POWER. Steam Will Be the Feature of the Canal of the Future. LAND CARRIAGE IS NOT BETTER When the Other Method is Placed Upon a Modern Basis.

INTERESTING IDEAS OF COL. ROBERTS

Among the valuable papers read at the fifth International Congress on Inland Navigation recently held at Paris was one from Colonel T. P. Roberts, of this city. It was devoted to a discussion of the respective positions occupied by the waterways and the railways in general transportation in the United States...

Canals were introduced into this country on the English models, and several thousands of miles of them were built contemporaneously with their development abroad, chiefly in the period between 1820 and 1850. Some were constructed with a capacity of about 40 tons, although the majority of them were intended for 60-ton boats, and they were often carried through high sections...

No Victory for Land Carriage. It is to be acknowledged, however, that many of the canals sold by the States or corporations which constructed them have been made valuable in the future as branches of the main lines now contemplated. The competition between canals and railways in this country, never in any fair sense, resulted in a victory of land carriage over water carriage...

Up to the present time the Government has held itself aloof from undertaking any important canal work, if we except the St. Mary's canal, connecting Lakes Superior and Huron, so that even with the continuance of the present policy of expenditures in the desultory manner which has heretofore been pursued, no marked advantage—if indeed, any at all—to the "through freight" business of the country will be observable...

As has been already stated, the region of the country where commerce is most active is embraced in the line between the lakes and the Ohio river, east of the Mississippi to the seaboard. In this district are located the chief commercial and manufacturing cities; it includes all of the developed coal and iron ore fields, excepting that of the recently discovered coal in Tennessee and Alabama, before spoken of; it is also the region of the greatest production of the leading agricultural staples, such as wheat and corn, as well as the seat of the lumbering industry.

It would burden this paper unnecessarily to enter into the statistics of the internal commerce of this large, fertile, highly developed, wealthy and populous region. It is an empire within itself, nowhere else on the globe equalled in respect to the magnitude and value of its productions and in the extent of its internal commerce.

Of the total \$3,516,717 tons of freight earned by rail for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1892, it is impossible to state how many tons are to be credited to each group. These figures can, however, be approximately given from other sources. In addition to the 68,000,000 tons of railway traffic, the census report (Bulletin No. 179, April, 1892), reports that during 1890, 17,110,425 tons of merchandise were transported by water, exclusive of canals, for which the census report gives no statistics. The marine business is distributed as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Tons. Atlantic Coast, 77,284,028; Gulf of Mexico, 1,294,420; Pacific Coast, 828,323; Great Lakes, 3,243,432; Mississippi Valley, 2,663,946. Total, 87,310,425.

With an internal commerce, without including the coastwise trade of more than 700,000,000 tons annually, the foreign trade of the United States is a vast business. It is a wonder, then, that schemes for the betterment of the condition, involving this mighty domain of commerce, should be engaging the minds of some of America's most far-seeing statesmen. If it is not, rather, more a wonder why it is not incentive to action, so little has been done!

river and Lake Erie by an enlargement of the Miami Canal, extending from Cincinnati to Toledo. The report of the United States Engineers, who examined into the project in 1890, states that a canal the same size as the Erie, of New York, viz., double locks 110 feet high, with 7 feet depth, overcomes in 83 miles, 881 feet of lockage (370 feet up from lake to summit, 515 feet from summit down to the Ohio river), a canal of 210 miles, 300-ton boats, is probably as large as could be supplied with water on this route. Its estimated cost was \$28,000,000.

In 1889 the State of Pennsylvania appointed a Ship Canal Commission to report upon the feasibility of a ship canal to connect the Upper Ohio river with the lakes. The business of Pittsburgh and adjoining districts along the route of the proposed canal with the lakes now amounts to more than 1,000,000 tons of iron and steel, 2,000,000 tons of coal annually, besides a vast general commerce.

A Feasible Route Found. The engineers of the State Commission reported a feasible route from near the State line of Pennsylvania on the Ohio to Lake Erie, via the Beaver river, etc. The canal suggested is 132 feet wide at the surface, 100 feet at the bottom, with 15 feet of locks with 10 feet of water between them, an available length of 300 feet by 45 feet wide, with 14 feet on their outer sills. Distance from the mouth of the river to the summit level, 17 1/2 miles; from the summit level to the Erie Canal, 11 1/2 miles; from the summit level to the Erie Canal, 11 1/2 miles; descent, 481 feet, also in 25 miles.

By means of reservoirs on streams tributary to the summit level, 15,000,000 cubic feet of water would be available for the canal. It is estimated that its total cost would be \$27,000,000. Most of the route is in natural water courses, and no cuts more than 20 feet deep above water level appear on the project. Pittsburgh and the great manufacturing districts along the Beaver river, through which the canal is projected, will employ 1,000,000 of population directly interested in cheapening the commodities which give them employment, look at the lakes with the same longing eye that Manchester looked at the ocean. Bringing it into the canal, a link of the commerce of Lake Superior to its door, and making up for several miles of daily supply, the canal will be an "arrivals" and "departures" and their flow in figures of imports and exports, it has a commercial value to Lake Erie, which is not only a connection with the lakes, but improvement of the lake navigation, extension of it by means of a new modern canal eastward to tide water.

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DIED. ALLEN—On Wednesday, December 7, 1892, at 8 P. M., SOPHIA, widow of the late Adam Allen, in the 65th year of her age. Funeral from her late residence, No. 33 Knox avenue, Thirtieth ward, on SATURDAY, December 10, at 2 P. M. Interment private.

BRATT—Suddenly, at 11:30 A. M., December 8, at family residence, 105 Lacock street, ALLEGHENY, WILLIAM H. BRATT, son of Matilda P. and the late THOMAS BRATT, aged 37 years. Funeral services at Trinity Episcopal Church, SATURDAY EVENING, December 10, at 7:30 o'clock. Interment private SUNDAY at 2 P. M. Please omit flowers. (Philadelphia, Pa., and Centurion, Cal. papers please copy.)

BURCHFIELD—At his residence, Edgeburg station, Allegheny Valley Railroad, on Tuesday, December 8, 1892, LEVI BURCHFIELD, in his 83rd year. Funeral on SATURDAY, December 10, at 1 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

CONNOLLY—On Thursday, December 8, 1892, at 3 P. M., CATHERINE, wife of R. B. Connolly, nee O'Brien, aged 23 years. Funeral from late residence, Bedford avenue, near Ridge avenue, Thirtieth ward, SATURDAY, December 10, at 8:30 A. M. Will proceed to St. John's the Baptist Church, where high mass will be said at 9 A. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

FOSTER—On Thursday, December 8, 1892, at 6:45 P. M., BRIDE W., wife of Dr. W. S. Foster, at her late residence, 133 Wylie avenue, on SATURDAY, December 10, at 1:30 P. M. Interment private at later hour.

GALLAGHER—On Wednesday evening, December 7, 1892, at 2:30 o'clock, DOMENICO GALLAGHER, in his 56th year. Funeral from his late residence, corner Roberts and Enoch streets, on SATURDAY MORNING at 8:30 o'clock. Services at St. Bridget's Church at 9 A. M. Friends are invited to attend.

HELBLING—On Wednesday, December 7, 1892, at 10:15 A. M., MICHAEL HELBLING, aged 23 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

KALKHOFF—On Wednesday, December 7, 1892, at 12:30 P. M., FRAU KALKHOFF (nee Allen), wife of Emil Kalkhoff, in her 85th year. Funeral on FRIDAY, December 9, 1892, at 2 P. M. from late residence, 32 Knox avenue, Southside. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

LUTZ—On Tuesday morning, at 1 o'clock, OTTILIA CHERAZZA, only daughter of Anton and Pauline Lutz, aged 15 years 1 month and 25 days. Funeral from residence, corner Chestnut street and Spring Garden avenue, on FRIDAY, December 9, 1892, at 9 A. M. Schiava high mass at 9:30 at St. Mary's Church, Liberty street, Allegheny. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

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