

# COMMERCE IS GAINING

### Bureau of Statistics Shows That Internal Business of Country Is Reviving After Recent Stagnation—All Lines Trend Upward.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—Internal commerce movements for the month of July, as reported to the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, continue to show improvements over the preceding months of the year. There is a considerably heavier livestock movement reported for the seven months ending with July of the current year than for the corresponding period of either of the two immediately preceding years. Grain receipts for July show an increase over those of the preceding month and also when compared with July of last year. Lumber and coal movements, as well as the production of iron, continue to show marked advances over the preceding months of the year, though the totals are still below the heavy figures of July, 1907. The improvements in the freight car situation is still apparent, more than 70 per cent of the reporting car service associations showing for July gains over any of the preceding months of the current year.

Livestock receipts at seven interior primary markets, while below those for July of last year, are in the aggregate for the seven months ending with July in advance of those for the corresponding period of 1907 or 1906. The figures representing the total receipts of aggregated classes of these markets, compared with 3,313,065 head and 3,046,479 head, respectively, for the same months of 1907 and 1906. The receipts at these markets during the seven months ending with July, 23,594,586 head, show a decided gain when compared with 22,352,297 head and 23,973,673 head for the corresponding period of 1907 and 1906. The gain is due largely to the heavier receipts of hogs.

### Not So Much Beef.

The principal Atlantic seacoast cities, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, show aggregate receipts of livestock for the month of July of 231,692 head, as compared with 269,481 head received during the corresponding month of last year.

Grain receipts at 15 primary markets for the month of July show an increase over those of any preceding month of the year, as compared with those of July, 1907, though slightly below the heavy receipts of July, 1906. For the current month there were received 30,329,545 bushels, compared with 47,976,765 bushels for July, 1907, and 63,444,247 bushels for July, 1906. The following cities continue to show gains in receipts over July, 1907: Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Little Rock, Louisville, Omaha, Peoria, St. Louis, and Toledo.

Receipts of flour and grain at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, were 13,583,133 bushels, compared with 13,503,460 bushels received in July, 1907, and 13,943,574 bushels in 1906. For the same cities, wheat receipts for July, 4,090,811 bushels, were far in excess of like receipts for July, 1907, 4,480,737 bushels, but corn receipts show an abnormal decline from last year's heavy receipts of 7,932,293 bushels. Flour receipts of 916,824 barrels during the month compare with 1,055,611 barrels received during July, 1907. During the seven months ending with July, the receipts of flour and grain at these four cities continued, as at the end of the six months' period, to show a decline when compared with 1907 receipts, affected principally by the heavy decline in corn receipts. The export movement of wheat from the above-named ports, 14,877,881 bushels, in the seven months ending with July largely in excess of that for a like period of 1907, 15,162,176 bushels; flour exports, 4,246,847 barrels for the same period, compare favorably with the 4,440,047 barrels exported during the seven months' period of a year ago; while corn receipts for the same period have fallen off about 30 per cent when compared with a like period a year earlier.

### Provisions on Decline.

The east-bound trunk line movement of provisions during the five weeks ending with July, 97,937 tons, while in excess of a like period in June, fell below the figures for the corresponding period of 1907.

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## OHIO'S FARMER GOVERNOR



Governor Harris and His Farm.

Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 19.—The Ohio gubernatorial fight is on. The present incumbent, Andrew L. Harris, has been nominated by the Republican party to succeed himself, and he is opposed by Judson Harmon in the Democratic field. Both men are strong politically, and one of the keenest state fights in the union will be continued until the election.

Governor Harris, known as the "farmer governor" is one of the most unique characters to be found in the political life of America. He is the only governor who is a civil war veteran. Practically all his life has been spent in the service of his country. He entered the Union army as a volunteer at the age of 26, and was promoted upon his merit to all grades, including brigadier general, by B. T. At the close of the war he was admitted to the bar and at once elected to the state senate. Until 1882 he was almost continuously before the public in some trusted position. He was sent to the house of representatives and was probate judge for a time. In 1882 he was elected lieutenant governor of Ohio and two years later made governor. Mr. Harris is now out for a second term, and is stronger than ever.

An incident very typical of the farmer through all grades, and including the nomination of his election two years ago. He was then lieutenant governor, having been elected by almost 50,000 majority. Mr. Harris was found in the rear of the farm helping to build a new foundation for his barn. He was dressed in overalls and when the committee rushed to him he walked with them to the front of the house and was sworn in just as he was, the family Bible being used to swear by. When asked if he would go immediately to Columbus to assume the duties of his office he replied that he wanted the foundation of his barn done just right, and that he guessed he'd have to stay at home to superintend the job himself. And he did so.

Governor Harris is a total abstemious. He is also an advocate of temperance laws. In all the years he was in the legislature he voted for every temperance measure that came up, and in his last message to the legislature in April, 1908, he strongly advocated the passage of a local option bill. The legislature took him at his word and passed it. Governor Harris is leading his campaign this fall carrying a temperance banner, and he expects that "with this sign thou shalt win." He is a hard worker, and if it is no unusual sight for the night watchman at the state house to see him walk in his office at 6 a. m. He works all the morning and at noon rushes across the street to a dairy lunch room, where he calls for a ham sandwich, a cup of coffee and a piece of pumpkin pie. No one ever thinks of finding Governor Harris at a club room unless he is invited to speak.

The governor is well along in years, and if elected this fall for another term it is sure to be his last appearance for public honors. No one will be more happy than his charming wife, who longs for the day when the people will give up her husband to her, and they can live the life of simplicity on their beautiful farm.

In 1907, the figures for the 31 weeks ending with July, 648,012 tons, are likewise below those for a similar period in 1907 or 1906. Trunk line grain shipments, 11,633,000 bushels for July are, however, largely in excess of those of July, 1907, and July, 1906, 8,870,040 bushels and 5,176,000 bushels, respectively; and the movement of the same commodity for the 31 weeks ending with July shows a considerable gain over the like period of the two immediately preceding years, the figures being 90,146,000 bushels for the current year, as compared with 79,153,000 bushels for 1907 and 74,468,000 bushels for 1906. Receipts of other commodities—fresh beef, canned meats, dressed hogs, lard, pork and tallow—show a decline. Shipments for the seven months of the year, 37,766 pounds, were slightly below the figures for the corresponding periods of 1907 and 1906 of 1,423,150, 687 pounds and 1,521,537 pounds, respectively, the greatest declines for the seven months' period being in canned meats and lard.

### Lumber Is Steady.

Shipments of redwood lumber from upper California, during July—30,413, 114 feet—compare well with those for a like period in 1907, 25, 805,624 feet. The shrinkage both for the month and the season, when 118, 163,526 feet for 1908 compared with last year's shipments of 300,158,173 feet, affected principally the consignments to San Francisco bay.

Coal and coke traffic over seven eastern coal-carrying roads during July, 1908, 2,842,298 tons, while far in excess of the preceding months' totals, is still nearly 2,000,000 tons below the like shipments for July, 1907. The increase over the June figures is due, to a large extent, to the heavier shipments of bituminous coal, which show an advance of over 1,200,000 tons over the June shipments. Anthracite coal shipments, 274,569 tons, for the current month of the year, are below those for June, 1907, 309, 209 tons. For July, when 246,418 tons were reported. The total anthracite coal shipments for the seven months ending with June, 1908, 2,463,138 tons, aggregated in comparison with 4,292,467 tons for a like period of last year. Coke shipments for the same period of 1908 amounted to 2,197,134 tons, or about 80 per cent below those of 1907, while bituminous coal shipments, with the large total of 47, 921,567 tons, are about 20 per cent below those of the seven months of 1907. The estimated coke production at Connelville, including the so-called "over-baked," during the five weeks ending with August 1, 1908, was 204, 152 net tons.

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