

The Erie Railroad's Contribution to the War on Waste

VERY recently it was realized that Waste in Industry sometimes reached fifty per cent of the value of the output.

AMERICAN BUSINESS was aroused to the Menace. Secretary Hoover organized a War upon it. Dr. Julius Klein, writing in the NATION'S BUSINESS characterized the evil as "The Shameful Waste in Business."

AS A Manufacturer with a half billion dollar business the Erie Railroad promptly enrolled for the War on Waste. A railroad is, after all, only a manufacturing business, manufacturing only one thing—Transportation.

Just as a Progress Report: During the last Year the ERIE RAILROAD has junked more than 8,000 box cars and more than 400 locomotives *because they were too wasteful to have around.* That's enough equipment to run any ordinary railroad. But they went to the scrap pile in the War on Waste and Millions of Dollars were spent to replace them with the most modern Machines of Transportation.

What happened? The new locomotives haul cannon-ball freight trains bearing 3,000 tons where the old ones handled only 2,600 tons. On a 200-mile run up grade, they burn 51,000

pounds of coal instead of 76,000 pounds. Fast freight trains which used to take 10 hours and 14 minutes between terminals now require only 7 hours and 30 minutes.

The carrying capacity of a train has been increased 17 per cent. The fuel consumption has been reduced 32 per cent. And the movement of the freight has been made 34 per cent faster. At the same time the cost of locomotive maintenance was measurably reduced.

Manufacturers find millions of dollars, formerly frozen up in goods in transit, quickly released for other duty. Distributors are enabled to guarantee quick and dependable deliveries; to hold present markets and win new ones.

The ERIE RAILROAD, under its new management, is proud to be able to make this contribution to American Business in its War on Waste.

