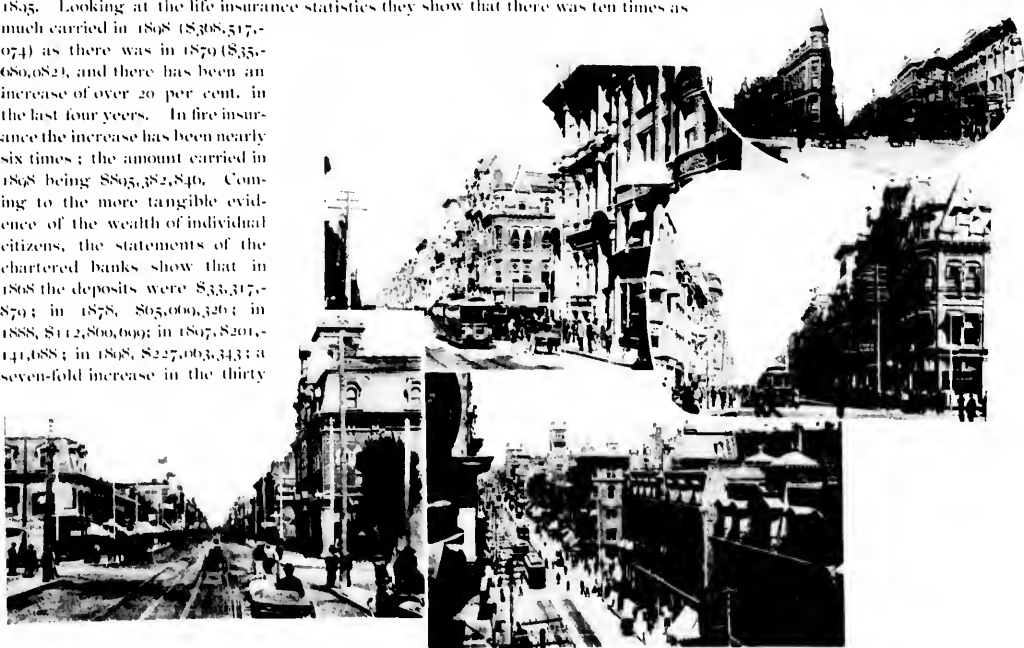


of freight carried has kept pace, and is an excellent barometer of the growth of the wealth of the country. In 1876, the first year that returns were kept, there was 6,331,757 tons carried; in 1898 there was 28,795,003 tons, which was a third more than in 1895. Looking at the life insurance statistics they show that there was ten times as much carried in 1898 (\$308,517,074) as there was in 1879 (\$35,680,082), and there has been an increase of over 20 per cent. in the last four years. In fire insurance the increase has been nearly six times; the amount carried in 1898 being \$895,382,846. Coming to the more tangible evidence of the wealth of individual citizens, the statements of the chartered banks show that in 1868 the deposits were \$33,317,879; in 1878, \$65,000,320; in 1888, \$112,800,000; in 1897, \$201,141,688; in 1898, \$227,093,343; a seven-fold increase in the thirty



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