

dock-men and tug-men, employed in transportation by water. For the carriage of over 7,000,000,000 feet by cars it is needless to make an added estimate, which would more than double the number of men employed as carriers, all going to swell, by some \$15,000,000, the aggregate of wages paid and expended in our country. Whether this large sum shall be received and paid out by and to American citizens, thus serving as a powerful help to our internal commerce and wealth, or to people in a foreign country, is a matter for serious consideration, especially in our present financial and industrial condition, with a great debt abroad, only to be paid by the development of our own resources, and the best use and constant employment of our own labor and skill.

Home Market for Farmers and Manufacturers.

On the basis of \$100,000,000 paid out as yearly wages, it is well to know what portion goes to our farmers, mechanics and home manufacturers.

On all this matter of wages and their expenditure, while accuracy is impossible, careful investigation can give a near approximation, and the results of such investigation we give in round numbers, as a near approach to the facts of the case, yet below those facts.

In 1865, when the reduction of internal revenue taxes was being discussed, and the Committee of Ways and Means in Washington asked information from fit persons practically engaged in leading industries, a letter was written by Hon. D. J. Morrell, of Johnstown, Pa., to the Secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association at Philadelphia, which was sent to that committee to aid them in their responsible work. Mr. Morrell has had large experience in the employ of labor, as manager of the great Cambria Iron Mills at Johnstown, and his estimates, in this letter, were made with great care and minuteness.