

The Association has reason to extend its congratulations to railroad officials as well as to its own members, on the result of its labors in this direction. There is much more uniformity in the matter of guarantee and physical test, and the acceptance by the several associations of the recommendation of the joint Committee has given a basis upon which the replacement of defective wheels can be and has been equitably adjusted, and is conclusive evidence that whilst railroad officials have the right to expect that the mileage guarantee of wheels shall be made good, they are willing to admit that manufacturers are entitled to compensation for material furnished, and in matters of replacement are disposed to allow credit for actual mileage made. This is all that manufacturers can ask for, and justifies them in their expectation that the confidence and courtesy which have been extended to them by railroad officials through many years of business intercourse in the past, will be continued in the future.