STATISTICS OF MISSOURI STONE PRODUCTION

According to the 1909 "Red Book" of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of Missouri, prepared by Labor Commissioner J. C. A. Hiller, the last annual output of granite and other quarry products sold for $2,306,058 at the producing points, and for $2,650,000 at the places of consumption. The statistical story of Missouri's greatness as a stone-producing state has been told in figures in the 1909 "Red Book" by Supervising Statistician A. T. Edmonston. The chapter in question is as follows:

In the total amount of stone quarried and marketed Missouri holds tenth rank, which is very high, considering that this industry is only in its infancy here. The next five or six years, as soon as the Ozark regions are more developed, will see the state advance to fourth or fifth position. All this future is ahead of an industry now classed as a side line. For crushed stone Missouri now ranks sixth.

Crushed stone.	Tons.	Value.
Used for roadmaking	1,275,926	$732,823
Used for railroad ballast	232,777	130,296
Used for concrete	459,668	357,509
Totals	1,968,371	$1,220,628

Granite and Other Ingenous Rock—In Detail.

Sold in rough for building purposes	$728
Sold in rough for monumental purposes	35,455
Sold in rough for miscellaneous purposes	240
Dressed for building purposes	12,500
Dressed for paving blocks	75,320
Riprap	3,771
Roadmaking	6,051
Concrete	15,741
Miscellaneous production	8,162
Total value, granite marketed	$157,968

The year 1908 saw the granite paving block industry of Missouri increase fivefold, when a comparison is made with 1907, both in the number of blocks produced and their value.

Value of Sandstone Production.

Rough building	$2,820
Dressed building	7,556
Curbing	52
Flagging	292
Rubble	1,772
Riprap	4,900
Miscellaneous	562
Value	$17,954

In the production of limestone used for building purposes Missouri in 1908 gained enough over 1907 to give it second rank among all producing states, the output being worth $603,597, as compared with $38,114 for the preceding twelve months, a gain of $65,483. This stone chiefly came from Carthage in Jasper county. In rubble limestone Missouri ranked third and in riprap second. The value of the production, according to classes, was:

Rough building	$254,286
Dressed building	349,311
Total value of all building limestone	$603,597
Paving	4,380
Curbing	4421
Flagging	6,758
Rubble	138,488
Riprap	107,243
Roadmaking	726,772
Railroad ballast	130,296
Concrete	341,768
Flux	14,678
Sugar factories uses	5,970
Other purposes	45,805
Value	$2,130,136