

TWO HUNDRED LOADS A DAY.

Chief Speers Says 8,000 Loads of Garbage Were Dumped in the River Since March 1.

"I think it would be a conservative estimate," said Chief of Police Speers, "to say that 8,000 loads of garbage have been dumped into the river from Kansas City since the 1st of March. Do you know what that means? It means in the first place that there are 8,000 wagon loads less of filth to decay and spread disease in Kansas City and it means, too, that Kansas City never saw in her history such a cleaning up as has been going on here in the last six weeks. Eight thousand loads is an average of about 200 wagon loads a day. That comes from the yards and alleys, and when I say that the yards and alleys are comparatively clean, the amount of work that has been done in cleaning them and the amount of filth that has been put where it can do the city no harm is proof that I am not mistaken. This could not have been done had not the people stood ready to do their part when directed by the police.

"The people all over the city want to be clean and have everything around them clean. Of the first 6,000 notices served by the police all but about 100 were obeyed and those who failed to do what we ordered were arrested. But I want to emphasize this. I never saw better work done or people more willing to obey instructions than Kansas City people have been this spring. There is plenty of work to be done yet of course, but it is only a small part of what was before us six weeks ago. Our men are all kept busy, and they find it no easy task to keep everything in proper shape, but they are having very good success."