

## The railroads quickly become the dominant form of transportation. Reasons:

- a. **Greater Speed** – For the first time in human history man is able to travel faster than a galloping horse on land.
- b. **Open Year Around** – Railroads could run in the rain, snow, ice and cold. Consequently, goods could be shipped year around anywhere in the country so that businesses could now run year around as well.
- c. **Less Transshipment** – Before the railroads, getting a shipment of supplies to an inland city was a formidable problem. Multiple forms of transportation had to be used – canals to lakes/rivers, then to wagons, etc.
- d. **Concentrated Responsibility** – This is just another aspect of the previous point. Shippers could deal with a *single* freight agent and arrange to ship their goods over long distances.