

Canada Southern Railway to Soon Appear on Freight Cars

Overhauling and Painting of Cars for Canadian Division of N. Y. C. in Progress; Similar Move at Pere Marquette

For the first time in many years freight cars with the name "Canada Southern Railway" in big letters on their sides are soon to appear on the Canadian Division of the Michigan Central Railroad or New York Central Lines. The painting of a large number of steel freight cars with the name "Canada Southern Railway" is now in progress at the local N.Y.C. car shops departments and undoubtedly will continue for some time. Somewhat similar designation of Pere Marquette Railroad cars in service on the Canadian Division is reported to have been started.

Shoppers say this action is a direct outcome of the deputation of three representatives of the local railroad shops, crafts who visited at two years ago, at a cost of \$75, to ask for the enforcement of regulations whereby more repair work would be done on locomotives in service in Canada. During the visit to Ottawa, the representative of the car shops employees is said to have discussed the matter of car repairs with customs officials.

Under the original agreement with the Dominion Government, when the Canada Southern Railway was built through Southwestern Ontario, the company was to maintain 300 freight cars on the Canadian Division. The original cars gradually went out of service and were scrapped and the name "Canada Southern Railway" virtually became history insofar as train operations were concerned. In later years, freight cars in use on the Canadian Division were designated with the letters C.S.D. under the name of the road, Michigan Central or New York Central Lines.

Now, apparently, Ottawa has ordered the 300 freight cars to be replaced and plainly designated as Canada Southern equipment.

The steel cars are being brought to the local repair departments to be thoroughly overhauled. The paint is being scraped and sanded off and the cars treated to new paint jobs with the "Canada Southern Railway" lettering. An extra gang was recently engaged to help in carrying out this overhauling and painting program.

CANADA SOUTHERN RAILWAY RELEASES MORE REBUILT CARS

Two Big All-Steel Box-Cars Go West; Further Evidence That CASO Still in Existence With N.Y.C. and M.C.R.

The Canada Southern Railway may be merged with the Michigan Central and New York Central rail chains but there is plenty of evidence that this old company has not yet lost its identity. The other morning two smartly-painted all-steel box-cars went west on the local train having been rebuilt in the local shops and released at the end of June. They were painted red and white with Canada Southern Railway in large white letters on a red background. The letters CASO were also printed conspicuously and they form an abbreviation for Canada Southern which also means that the cars were built in Canada and also rebuilt this year with all duty paid on them.

Red and White Lettering

The two big freight cars which were originally built some years back are modern in every detail being well over 40 feet in length and some ten to 12 feet in height. They were numbered Nos. 138,276 and 138,237. They have a cubic feet of 3,085 and a load limit of 122,800. These two cars were only two of a great number which are put into service periodically by the CASO. A number of flat cars have been rebuilt with the same conspicuous lettering, also. It is concrete proof that this original rail company is still in existence. Recently the annual meeting of the shareholders was held here.