



Three of the new 75,000 series steel box cars arrive on our system for the first time, bringing merchandise to the big First National Stores distributing warehouse in Somerville

To Better Serve Our Shippers

Seven hundred and fifty new steel box cars were going into Boston and Maine service at the rate of 25 cars daily as this Magazine went to press.

Some of the cars had already arrived in Boston or elsewhere on our system, making their maiden freight carrying trips directly to New England from the vicinity of Michigan City, Indiana, where they were built at the Pullman Standard Car Manufacturing Company plant.

Others were bound for other parts of the Country direct from the mid-west, being put into service immediately because of the existing nation-wide car shortage. Consequently many of our new cars may not arrive "home" on the B. and M. system for many months.

The new cars were made immediately available for service because the B. and M. assigned three employees to the Pullman plant at Michigan City to inspect and accept the cars for the railroad as rapidly as they come off the assembly line. It is expected that the final shipment of cars will be made late this month or early in June.

As soon as the Boston and Maine order of 750 cars is completed the Pullman Company will turn out 250 additional cars of exactly the same construction for the Maine Central Railroad, thus assuring a total of 1,000 new freight cars to serve northern New England shippers by early summer.

The Boston and Maine cars have been acquired on a 15-year lease basis from the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, while the Maine Central cars are being obtained on a purchase basis.

The new cars are of 50-ton capacity, are of steel exterior construction, wood lined, and are equipped with lading anchors at several locations inside the cars to prevent shifting of loads while the cars are in motion.

PLENTY OF CHANCES

They were asking him about his job.
 "What are your chances for promotion?"
 "Best in the entire office," he replied.
 "I have the lowest job they have in the place,
 can't go any place but up!"

A DEPENDABLE DEPUTY

