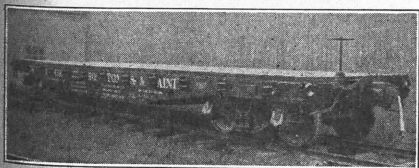


# Our New Steel Flat Cars

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In his address to the stockholders, at the annual meeting, President Hustis called attention to the improvement in equipment from 1914 to 1923. The number of all-steel passenger-train cars increased from 10 to 136, the steel-underframe passenger cars increased from 221 to 825, and the freight cars equipped with steel underframes or steel center sills increased from 7630 to 16272.

There have recently been received 300 steel flat cars, which are shown by the accompanying illustration. They are numbered from 33500 to 33799, inclusive. Their rugged construction and low floor are their most striking features. The floor is 42 ft. 1½ inches long, 9 ft. 2½ inches wide, and 3 ft. 7½ inches high above the rail and the capacity is 55 tons. An interesting device with which they are equipped is a coupler support which tends to keep the coupler in its central position.