

TRANSPORT RAIL

Grain Shipments

A Lack of Co ordination in Severnaya

Relatively few vehicles carrying fresh produce had arrived at the Syktyvkar processing depot at Yazel' Station that morning, but now more and more were arriving by the hour. By noon there was a long line of vehicles. It was a familiar sight: long waits by vehicles in the daytime and a lull in the evening and at night. Fresh produce arrives at the station at irregular times, and consequently railway workers, produce supervisors and agricultural quality control inspectors also have to work at an uneven pace.

During a special meeting at the Komi ASSR Council of Ministers convened to discuss the reasons for delays in harvesting and distributing vegetables and potatoes to various cities and areas in the republic, N. Nekrasov, chairman of the board of the Komi Consumers' Union, said there were enough loaders in Yazel, but delays were a result of the railway workers' inefficient positioning of the freight cars beside the loading platforms.

Between 60-90 men are engaged in loading potatoes and vegetables daily in Yazel. However, the irregular numbers of loaders is also difficult to handle, especially because there are not enough loading platforms to process a large quantity of produce in a short period of time. Judge for yourself: last September 300 freight cars were dispatched to consumers from this station, while this year between 60-70 cars leave here daily.