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with the "wear and tear" of cars, (as for example, 10 days of one car may cover in one case 150, and in another 1,500 loaded miles. the first producing say 1,500 ton miles with hay, and the second 45,000 ton miles with grain ) and whose the second 45,000 ton miles with grain,) and when that time arrives, the greater adaptability of the "mixed" system will be better understand better understood, and ultimately, some not all—of its features will be adopted by the railways of this continent. There can be no question bearing the state of t question, however, that the per diem basis, which ensures payment at an agreed rate of 20 cents for each day a foreign car is held, irrespective of its employment, will be more equitable and more in line with up-to-date

The three leading features of the of diem system are: 1. All bills for use of cars will be susceptible of verification, and there can be checked as easily and fully as all other railway accounts. 2. The interests of car owners will be kept in sight and safeguarded, by the daily recognition of the value of each car. 3. The influence of the system will appear the car. ways tend in the direction of prompt movement and early return of foreign cars.

The new method of settling for use of freight cars came into force on July 1, and is now in apparent now in operation on practically all railways in Canada and the U.S. Canada and the U.S., and although it is too early as ust to early as yet to give a complete view of the first month's first month's operation, the full returns having not yet come to hand, there is enough known to substantiate the claim that per diem