

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY,

J. T. HARAHAN, GENERAL MANAGER,

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 6th, 1888.

CHAS. R. LONG, Esq.:

President LeGros Building and Car Roofing Company:

DEAR SIR--With reference to your request made upon me to examine the roof L. & N. Car No. 5,581, our Master Mechanic informs me that the roof on this car was put on about fifteen months ago. I made a careful inspection of it, and found it in first class condition. The roof was perfectly tight, and the inside was perfectly free from stains, indicating that no water had ever come through. I am free to say that so far I consider the roof a perfect success.

Yours truly,

J. T. HARAHAN.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY,

CAR DEPARTMENT,

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 15th, 1888.

LeGros Building and Car Roofing Company:

DEAR SIR--In answer to your favor this date, would say that I have put on quite a number of your Patent Car Roofs, and am satisfied that it is just what railroad companies want. I have examined quite a number of them that have been in use for several years, and have no hesitancy in pronouncing it a first class roof in every respect.

Yours truly,

J. H. SANAMAN, F. C. R.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY,

CAR DEPARTMENT,

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 21, 1888.

MR. CHAS. R. LONG,

President LeGros Building and Car Roofing Company:

DEAR SIR--In answer to your favor asking my opinion regarding the LeGros Patent Car Roof, will say, that I think that every inch of the Roof has been so well planned and calculated by the inventor, that it leaves no question of doubt to discuss regarding its merits.

I have been connected with car building and car repairing for the last twenty years, and I have never seen any roof that, in my judgment, can compare with the LeGros Car Roof.

Yours, very respectfully,

R. F. FOWLER, Foreman Car Repairs.

LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE RAILROAD COMPANY, M. S., FIRST DIVISION,

OFFICE OF MASTER MECHANIC,

LOUISVILLE, KY., August 23, 1888.

LeGros Building and Car Roofing Company:

GENTLEMEN--I have had under observation the LeGros Car Roof for some years, having gone out of my way at times to see how the different kinds of roofs were doing on all kinds of foreign cars passing this point in the last seven years. Not only have I looked for leaks, but for effects of sweating, etc.; besides, have put on about one hundred and seventy five LeGros Roofs. From such observation I have formed the opinion that your roof develops no defects in use, at least, I have seen *none*, and believe, with proper application in first place, and proper care afterward, that it will last the life of a car. By proper application and care, I mean in the matter of paint.

You will observe I use more paint first than you consider necessary. This is merely a matter of judgment. I, of course, believe I am right. Next, I think the question of care covers the one of true economy also, and that this roof, or any other, should be painted every two years.

As to the question of first cost, I will give you the first cost from actual work done in every day work, and where all was done in the best manner, which will come nearer the actual facts than most estimates, some of which are from a rush, which is not maintained in actual practice in general shops, or on work by contract, where every corner is cut, such as four nails where six is called for, solder seams, not plumbed, a gallon of paint covering twice the area it should, etc.

I will give in attached statements the cost of LeGros, tin, and double board roofs.

Yours truly,

PULASKI LEEDS, M. M.