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On the Canadian Pacific Railway, problems have arisen in the past due to deterioration of the standard wooden door posts because of the repeated nailing of grain doors to the cars. To alleviate this situation Canadian Pacific began a process of replacing the wooden posts with nailable steel posts. In 1970, 2,900 cars were so converted. A further 3,272 cars were converted during 1971, and in the current yer 2,828 more are scheduled for conversion. Therefore at the end of 1972, 9,000 cars will have been converted. The nailable steel posts have been extremely

successful and have brought commendation from the grain trade. In addition, a further 3,500 cars have been modified by the application of plywood at the doorways and this has proved very successful.

In December last these upgraded cars constituted more than one-third of all Canadian Pacific cars unloaded at Thunder Bay and Vancouver and this porportion is expected to increase as more modified cars enter grain service. I hope that the information given in this answer will be to the satisfaction of the hon. member.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.28 p.m.