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wind storms, etc. (See table 4 on page 69).
A statement (see copy of such report covering
Havelock section, Nov. 1, 1900, in table 5 on
page 71) for the 24 hours ended midnight is
made up & sent the general superintendent by
first mail showing each freight train run in the
direction of balance of tonnage—between
what stations, number of engine, class of rat-
ing, schedule load at that class of rating, tare,
contents, actual & equivalent tonnage & par-
ticulars of any doubling or assisting. The
percentage of total equivalent tonnage taken
over the ruling grade on each section to total
of loads which, according to schedule & class
of rating, should have been taken over that
ruling grade by the power on that day is cal-
culated, & the percentage performance on the
different sections tabulated for comparison.
If an engine doubles or is assisted over the
ruling grade the superintendent is debited
with what the engine can take over the next
heaviest grade.

The foregoing paper was read by Mr. Tait
before a recent meeting of the New York
Railroad Club, at which 1st Vice-President
W. W. Wheatly presided. The reading of
the paper was followed by a very important
discussion.

The CHAIRMAN said:—There is probably no
subject in connection with freight transporta-
tion on our railways which in recent years has
excited more discussion & interest than the
matter of rating freight engines according
to tonnage. This is a matter which interests
not only the transportation officer, but also
the head of the locomotive department. I
think we should have a discussion this even-
ing without it being necessary for me to call
upon members by name. As no one has been
selected to open the discussion, the field is
free for any one who chooses to speak first.

A. E. MITCHELL—I notice that the author
has mentioned the old method without stating
what it was. I would be glad if he would tell
us what his old method was when he adopted
the new.

The CHAIRMAN—I have no doubt that there
will be a great many questions asked Mr.

Tait to-night, & I suggest that he make a
note of them as they are propounded, & he
will be given an opportunity later to reply to
them all. Will some one open the discussion?
We would be glad to hear from Mr. Daly, of
the Lackawanna road.

J. M. DALY—I came here more to learn
about tonnage than to talk about it. But
there are one or two points I would like more
information on as regards this chart. It
strikes me that the chart provides for a reduc-
tion on the ratio of 13 to 10 of loads against
empties regardless of the number of empties
you have on the train. In other words, if you
are pulling up a grade 90 ft. to the mile, it is
more easy to handle the full rating of empties
than it would be if you are undertaking to
pull them up a grade of 45 ft., by reason of
the length of train & gradient resistance. So
that it struck me that the longer the train or
the greater the tonnage assigned a train, the
greater should be reduction for empties
hauled. Another question that I wished to
ask is what provision is made for busy tracks?
For instance, on a portion of our line we have
20 first-class trains in each direction each 24
hours, & from 5 to 7 fast freights, with a
grade of about 45 ft. to the mile for 24 miles.
Now, if we confined the movement of trains
to 7 miles an hour it is going to utilize that
track with freight trains the greater portion
of the time. Another feature that struck me
was in the testing arrangements. If on a
favorable day, with an engine that the master
mechanic knew was good, & a choice engi-
neer, good fuel, favorable conditions, he
hauled 1,000 tons, what reduction from that
was arbitrarily made in rating the engines to
insure the general run of engines hauling ton-
nage up the same grade during the busy sea-
son, when the power is more or less overtaxed
& run down, & when new enginemen & fire-
men are pressed into service that are not as
competent as the average run of enginemen
& firemen that are utilized in testing? It ap-
pears to me there is as much danger in under-
taking to rate your engines too high & as
much money lost in overtime as in underesti-
mating them a little, especially on busy pieces
of track where you have a heavy passenger
service & a heavy high-class freight service.

F. F. GAINES—As I understand the matter,
this sliding scale is made on a basis of either
light & loaded cars or partially loaded cars.
Now, there is another case that may come up,
& I would like to know what provision would
be made for it. For instance, I have here a
record of two different trains, both handled
by the same engine; one was made up of
100,000 lbs. capacity cars, the other was of
old-style 60,000 lbs. capacity cars. The tare
in the 100,000 lbs. car train was 676 tons; the
net tonnage was 1,824 & the gross tonnage
2,500. With the 60,000 lbs. cars the tare was
619, the net 1,381, & the gross tonnage 2,000.
By comparing those figures, the net tonnage
of the 100,000 lbs. cars is 24.2% greater than
the 60,000 lbs. cars. The gross tonnage is
20% greater in those 100,000 lbs. cars than in
the 60,000 lbs. What kind of provision would
be made for cases of that kind? We all have
more classes of cars than one on our roads.
It takes more power to haul one class of cars
than it does another, & I wish to know if this
scale provides for any feature of this kind.

The CHAIRMAN—I think it would perhaps
facilitate the discussion if Mr. Tait were per-
mitted now to reply to the questions that have
been asked & the points that have been raised
& also to elaborate slightly upon the paper.

Mr. TAIT—This paper is, as you will have
seen, only a brief description of a method of
rating & loading engines which we have had
in effect since Oct. 1. Prior to that date we
had about the same system of rating engines
for the different weather & other conditions
as we have now, but we were loading them
then on what I have called the "actual" ton-
nage basis; that is, the actual weight only

was counted, whether a car was loaded with only one ton or to its full capacity. The only exception was in the case of an entirely empty car, to the weight of which an arbitrary addition was made. When we said that under the old system an engine was capable of taking 900 tons over a grade, that meant 900 tons in loaded cars, whether loaded light or to their full capacity. This, I think, answers Mr. Mitchell's inquiry.

The comparison between our old & our new system might be summed up in a question. When you say that an engine will take 900 tons over a certain grade, what kind of tons do you mean? Do you mean 2 to 1 tons; that is, 2 tons of contents to 1 of tare? Or do you mean 3 to 1 or 1 to 1? It makes a great difference. For example, let us take a

train of dressed beef. We will say that the load for the engine is 900 tons. The cars will average, say, 15 tons, & the beef & ice, say 15 tons, or 1 to 1. Each car with contents will weigh 30 tons, & 30 cars will make the 900 tons. Now convert the beef into grain, in cars of 30 tons capacity. We still have the car weighing, say, 15 tons, but we have 30 tons of a load in each car, or 2 to 1. Each car with contents will weigh 45 tons, & we will get our 900 tons in 20 cars instead of in 30 cars. Which will pull the easier? The beef or the grain, each weighing 900 tons? There can be no question about that. Any engineman will tell you he would prefer to pull the grain (the 2 to 1 train). What does this mean? It means that if the engine can take 900 tons in the beef train (1 to 1), it can

by reason of the smaller percentage of tare take a greater tonnage in the grain train (2 to 1). Our method is devised to take care of this; to profit by the large capacity car fully or well loaded (small percentage of tare), & on the other hand, in the case of a train having a high percentage of tare, to prevent the overloading of engines.

The first proposition I advance is this, that the haulage capacity of engines should be based on a uniform proportion of tare weight to gross weight behind the tender. In order that the relative haulage capacity of the different classes of engines may be determined on any given grade the test should be made with the same kind of a train. If not the identical cars, the percentage of tare should be the same. Otherwise the comparison is

TABLE 1.—HAVELOCK SECTION.

HAULAGE CAPACITY (IN TONS) OF LOCOMOTIVES ON FREIGHT TRAINS THE TARE WEIGHT OF WHICH IS 33 1/3% OF THE GROSS WEIGHT BEHIND THE TENDER.

EAST BOUND.

FROM	153	145	140	120	115	110	105	100	95	90	85	80	70	65	60	55	50	% Eng. Cap.
Havelock	1908	1865	1800	1513	1479	1415	1350	1286	1221	1157	1092	1028	900	836	772	707	643	Controlling Grade.
Central Ontario Jet	1211	1176	1135	973	932	892	851	811	770	730	689	649	568	527	487	446	406	
Tweed	1063	1008	973	834	799	765	730	695	660	625	591	556	486	452	417	383	348	Controlling Grade.
Kaladar	1143	1083	1046	896	859	822	781	747	710	672	635	598	523	486	448	411	374	
Mountain Grove	1175	1114	1075	922	883	845	806	768	730	691	653	614	538	499	461	422	384	Controlling Grade.
Sharbot Lake	1063	1008	973	834	799	765	730	695	660	625	591	556	486	452	417	383	348	
Maberley	1273	1206	1165	998	957	915	874	832	790	749	707	666	582	541	499	458	416	Controlling Grade.
Perth	1105	1031	1285	1102	1056	1010	964	918	872	826	780	734	643	597	551	505	459	

WEST BOUND.

Smith's Falls	1633	1517	1491	1280	1227	1174	1120	1067	1014	960	907	854	747	694	640	587	534	Controlling Grade.
Perth	1121	1063	1026	880	843	806	770	733	696	659	623	586	513	476	440	403	367	
Bathurst	1131	1074	1037	889	852	815	778	741	704	667	630	593	519	482	445	408	371	Controlling Grade.
Sharbot Lake	1189	1127	1088	932	894	855	816	777	738	699	661	622	544	505	466	427	389	
Mountain Grove	2006	1901	1835	1573	1508	1442	1377	1311	1245	1180	1114	1049	918	852	787	721	656	Controlling Grade.
Ardenale	1121	1063	1026	880	843	806	770	733	696	659	623	586	513	476	440	403	367	
Kaladar	1610	1554	1501	1286	1233	1179	1125	1072	1019	965	912	858	750	697	643	590	536	Controlling Grade.
Hungerford	1161	1085	1037	1116	1068	1021	973	925	877	829	781	733	669	621	573	525	478	
Tweed	995	943	910	780	748	715	683	650	617	585	553	520	455	422	390	358	325	Controlling Grade.
Ivanhoe	1120	1061	1025	878	842	805	769	732	695	658	622	586	512	476	440	404	368	
Central Ontario Jet	1031	977	944	809	775	741	708	674	640	607	573	539	472	438	404	371	337	Controlling Grade.
	1163	1102	1064	912	874	836	798	760	722	684	646	608	532	494	456	418	380	
	1224	1160	1120	960	920	880	840	800	760	720	680	640	560	520	480	440	400	Controlling Grade.

TABLE 2.—INDEX TO HAULAGE CAPACITY AND DESCRIPTION OF LOCOMOTIVES.

TABLE 2. INDEX TO HAULAGE CAPACITY												
Per Cent. Capacity.	TYPE OF LOCOMOTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL NUMBERS.										TOTAL.	
	EIGHT WHEEL COUPLED		SIX WHEEL COUPLED			FOUR WHEEL COUPLED				SWITCHERS	Road	Switch
	CONSOLIDATION		TEN WHEELERS		MOGUL	ATLANTIC	EIGHT WHEELERS		SIX WHEEL			
	Simple	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple	Compound	Simple		Simple			
153	732 738										7	
145	739 740	609 731, 741 786									111	3
140	316 320										5	12
120	312 315		200 202	194 199							13	15
115	497 498	499 501									8	
110			203 208, 212 223	224 227							22	
105			532	480 492, 533							43	
				611 668								
100	401 406		493 496, 534 510	541 608	408 434						122	
			512 550, 585 602	639 610	443 455							
			609 613, 615 638		460 464							
95			435 442, 457 458	562 561							50	
			465 479, 551 561									
			563, 565 579, 603 607									
90			456 459			209 211				72	5	1
85					M. & A. 24		521 524				5	
80							300 311, 395 400			73, 101 110, 152 155	18	15
70							170 172, 174 360, 371 373, 379 391, 393 394			117 119 (4 Wheel)	23	3
65							1 6, 20 44, 66, 74 87, 90, 93, 95, 97 99, 120 121, 123 142, 173, 175 176, 229, 234 237, 239, 271 282, 285 297, 299, 351 353, 355 358, 361 365, 368, 374 378, 392, 525 527, M. & A. 27 30				5	
60							45 53, 62 64, 67 71, 88 89, 91 92, 94, 96, 143 145, 147 148, 177 179, 184, 230 233, 238, 255 257, 260 262 267, 269 270, 298, 350, 366 367, 369 370, 508 510, 515 517, 528, 530				63	
55							186 188, 191 193, 240 241, 244 249, 345 350, 511 513, 520				20	
50							17, 100, 157, 159 507, 514, 518, M. & A. 11, 13 15, 17, 18, 25, 26				15	
											674	49
											Total Locomotives, 723.	

that then there should be some method of determining the comparative resistance of every train, & that engines should be loaded accordingly. This is accomplished by the chart, which is compiled on the basis that 30% more power is required to move the same tonnage in empties than in loaded cars, loaded 2 to 1. This 30% is a point which I anticipated I would hear about, & in reference to it I have to say that this method of rating & loading engines is in use as yet only on our Eastern

ATL—Four driving wheels, coupled with four-wheel truck and one pair idlers under firebox.
 Cox—Eight driving wheels, coupled with two-wheel truck.
 S — Single expansion or "simple."
 C — Double expansion or "compound."

Conditions	Ordinary		Bad Rail or Temperature 10° Above to 20° Below Zero		Temperature Colder Than 20° Below Zero	
	Ordinary Freight Trains A	Fast Freight Trains B	Ordinary Freight Trains C	Fast Freight Trains D	Ordinary Freight Trains E	Fast Freight Trains F
Class of Rating						
Reductions From Schedule Loads	Nil.	10	7	12	12	15

NOTE.—Figures in italics in hauling capacity schedules are based on the trains passing the stations without stopping.

lines, on which the controlling grades, except in a few instances, are about 1%, & as we desired to avoid complicating the new method at the outset, by having more than one chart, we have as yet only put in use a chart compiled on this 30% basis. I am well aware that the percentage of additional power required to move the same tonnage in empty as in loaded cars, loaded 2 to 1, decreases as the grade increases. The rolling friction does not increase, while the resistance due to gravity does, & therefore, the percentage of additional power required is not constant. We have in mind, & I may say in hand, several charts for use on the different sections according to the ruling grades thereon. I think that when we put these in use, we will have overcome the only difficulties that we have encountered in connection with this system. We have found that 30% is too much on grades heavier than 1%, & not enough on easier grades.

Mr. Daly has raised a point as to speed of freight trains on grades. The 7 miles per hour is the speed over summits, & I freely admit that where trains are thick more tonnage can be moved with light loads & faster speed than by loading engines to the limit, with resulting long occupation of track, especially on grades. Such conditions are local, & have to be dealt with as you find them. This point, moreover, does not affect the two propositions I have advanced.

As to testing engines, we determined the relative haulage capacity of the different classes of engines, as far as we could, on one grade, using a dynamometer car, not by one, but by a great many tests of each class—not with engines that were all in good condition, with good firemen & good coal, but with engines & men as they came along, & then we took what we thought was a fair average. Having determined the relative haulage capacity of the different classes of locomotives on this one grade we then, by testing one or more classes of engines on the other portion of the line—also with the dynamometer car—were able to fix the haulage capacity of all classes of engines over all parts of the line.

Mr. Chairman, with your kind permission, I will resume my seat, & later on, if I have the privilege, I will say something in explanation of the second portion of the paper respecting the supervision of the loading of engines.

F. POTTER—I would like to ask in what office the comparative figures are kept & what increase of office force is necessary; also what is the increased train load above the old method brought about by the new method?

The CHAIRMAN—Prof. Hibbard, can you favor us with any remarks on this question?

PROF. H. W. HIBBARD—I would like simply to call attention to a paper read before the Northwest Railway Club in Dec., 1895, by H. H. Vaughan, on the hauling capacity of locomotives, the paper being discussed at the Feb. meeting, 1896; I have just been reading over that paper & discussion. Possibly some of the members may have the numbers in their files & would be glad to refer to them.

I notice in the discussion some remarks of J. N. Barr, that I thought were in point. He said: In the midst of all this discussion, about how we could increase our trains hauled & how the motive power department had increased the number & hard-working of its locomotives, all the brunt of increased train loads & cheapening of freight transportation seemed to have fallen upon the motive power department; but if the civil engineering department would do a little something to help out, that little something that they might do would be a very important assistance. He said further: "You talk about hauling your trains up these grades. Why not take out some of those grades? Why not fix up some of those curves, & so on?" It seems to me we need more of co-operation between the civil department & the mechanical department & the department that loads 60,000 lbs. capacity cars with only 20,000 or 30,000 lbs. If all the departments would co-operate we would accomplish more than by simply ourselves bearing all the brunt.

G. L. FOWLER—I was speaking the other day with the general manager of a road that probably hauls the largest average net tonnage of any road in the world, & he said that in his original report to his board of directors, when the matter of reducing grades & easing off curves came up, it would be cheaper to put & maintain pushing engines on those grades to help up the hills than it would be to pay the interest on the increased investment required to ease the grades & the curves. And at the risk of repeating perhaps something that you are all familiar with, I will state in regard to this same road, which is the Bessemer Line, from North Bessemer to Conneaut, I had the pleasure recently of going over it very carefully, & noting their tonnage rating & method of operation. They have moguls & consolidation engines hauling their trains, & they have a system of tonnage rating there by which they take a car in units, as they call it. A unit, on their schedule, is 13,000 lbs., which is the weight of the lightest flat car which they have on the line. Of course their traffic is almost entirely conduct-

ed in steel cars of 100,000 lbs. capacity. They have a rating for their consolidation & mogul locomotives of 430 & 400 units each. That is, about 40 cars of about 100,000 lbs. capacity. But in their line from Albion to North Bessemer they have six hills, according to my recollection, & on each one of these they put pushing engines. On one of them they put two. Their schedule time for a freight train over the division, which is about 150 miles, is about 12 hours, & they maintain that speed clear through. The work that they do with pushing engines covers 27% of the total mileage of the road, & even on their climb up from Conneaut Harbor, where they have those largest engines in the world, with 24 by 32 in. cylinders, they put 40 cars on behind them & then give the engine a 10-wheel pusher to help up the first hill. But that train goes through practically without any break from Conneaut Harbor to North Bessemer, & their estimate is that they use only about half as many engines to carry the traffic through, using the pushers on the hills, that they would if they left each engine to a tonnage basis which they could carry over the controlling grades & let them go through with the trains without any assistance whatever. That this is a sensible method of operation is evidenced from the fact that, according to their own statement, they have the largest average net paying tonnage of any railway which reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, & that practically means of any in the world. Their average net paying tonnage is between 900 & 1,000 tons. One month, I remember, it was 949 tons. That includes everything that goes over their lines behind a freight engine. If an engine goes over the road with a caboose car behind it, that is a train with no net tonnage, & of course, that cuts down the average rate. Their expense of operation is phenomenally low, so low that most railway managers look at them with a good deal of envy. Possibly some of you may be as familiar with this line as I am.

J. S. EATON—May I ask Mr. Fowler a question? He speaks of their having the largest net tonnage. Does he mean per train? If so, does his second engine count for a second train? Does he include the return mileage light of road engines & helpers in computing his train mileage?

G. L. FOWLER—I do not think it includes the return mileage of the helper, but it includes light trains. As I said, if the engine goes over the road with nothing behind it but a caboose, that is a train with no net tonnage, so that if it is averaged up with a train that has 2,000 tons net behind the engine, the average net tonnage would be 1,000, & that

TABLE 5.—CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
DAILY REPORT OF HAULAGE CAPACITY OF LOCOMOTIVES AND TONNAGE OF FREIGHT TRAINS OVER RULING GRADES ON HAVELOCK SECTION, NOVEMBER 1ST, 1900. DIRECTION OF BALANCE OF TONNAGE EAST.

TRAIN.	FROM	TO	LOCOMOTIVE.				TONNAGE OVER RULING GRADE.				COAL USED.	REMARKS.
			No.	Schedule Haulage Capacity, Tons.	Class of Rating	Net Schedule Haulage Capacity, Tons.	Contents.	Tare.	Total Actual.	Equivalent Tonnage.		
Extra.....	Havelock..	Smith's Falls	707	1,008	"A"	1,008	532	416	948	998	6	Live stock and Toronto shed freight
54.....	"	"	739	1,008	"A"	1,008	400	513	913	1,003	6	
56.....	"	"	725	1,008	"B"	908	382	464	846	922	5	
50.....	"	"	723	1,008	"A"	1,008	127	487	914	1,004	5	Dressed beef and provisions.
Way freight extra	"	"	705	1,008	"A"	1,008	480	473	953	1,020	6.5	
52.....	"	"	709	1,008	"B"	908	297	513	810	918	5	
Extra.....	"	"	743	1,008	"A"	1,008	537	423	960	1,007	6.5	
				7,056		6,856	3,055	3,289	3,344	6,872	40	

Percentage of Total Equivalent Tonnage taken to Net Schedule Haulage Capacity over Ruling Grades, 100%.

NOTE.—Under the old "actual tonnage" method of loading engines, these engines would each have been scheduled at "A" rating to take 913 actual tons through over the section, or a total for the seven engines (2 at "B" rating), of 6,209 tons—whereas under the new method they brought 6,344 tons through over the section—a gain of 135 tons, or 19.3 tons per train.

If the proportion of tare had been one-third on each train, this power would have taken 6,856 tons through over the section—or 512 tons more than it was able—owing to large proportion of tare—to bring through.