

QUEBEC CENTRAL

FREIGHT CARS

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The Quebec Central started operation with 25 boxcars and 50 flatcars in 1875 as revenue equipment.. This was increased in 1881, but unfortunately Ontario Car repossessed twenty-four cars that brought on the beginning of the 1885 crises. Additional rolling stock was added in 1890, 1893 and 1897.

After 1902 most of the railway's rolling stock was built at the company's Newington shop. The company did go to outside builders on a number of occasions:

- 1906: Rhodes, Curry           6 refrigerator cars
- 1910: Canadian Car 35 Hart ballast gondola cars
- 1917: Canadian Car 100 outside braced boxcars

As a result of the Quebec ban on the export of pulp from Crown Lands, that excluded the region served by the company, the railway converted and built a great number of pulp rack cars. These cars were unique this region for they resembled roof-less stock cars. The Quebec Central roster contained a high proportion of stock cars, many lasting till the late fifties. These cars besides moving cattle were used for pulpwood and other lading. The last order of revenue rolling stock was an order for two hundred newsprint cars built in the summer of 1980 by National Steel Car.

In 1937, the QC transferred 71 pieces of rolling stock to the CPR: including fifty-two stockcars, and seventeen boxcars. as well as two passenger cars - one baggage-mail and one baggage,