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Report on Visit to
Buffalo Central Terminal
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The Buffalo Central Terminal is the point of junction of three lines belonging to the Northern, Eastern and Western districts, and headed by a superintendent who is responsible to the general manager. The superintendent, who is a manager, is responsible for all operations on his division.

The East Buffalo Yard of the New York Central is new in every detail and contains every scientific and technical change known. It consists of the following areas:

- The south receiving and departure yard
- The north receiving and departure yard
- The east receiving yard and the classification yard

Adequate and efficient means of communications have been provided in these new yards and the proper use of which will save many steps and expedite the handling of cars.

Paging Talkbacks Systems

There are five separate systems (blue system, green system, brown system, black system and red system) of this nature in the yard, four of which have identical operation. Any speaker can be identified as being associated with a particular system by a band of colored paint on the pipe directly over the switch and also by a number stamped above the switch in the paint band.

Car Checker's System

For use in checking the car numbers of inbound trains, a recording system will be installed from five locations in the yard to E A Yard office.

Teletype system

A teletype system is installed for the purpose of transmitting switch lists. The transmitting machine will be at E A Yard office with receiving only machines at the hump conductor's office, the retarder operator's office, the assistant general yardmaster's office, the general yardmaster's office, and the west end yardmaster's office.

Pneumatic Tube

A pneumatic tube system for handling bills and messages is installed from the East Buffalo yard office to the dormitory and from the dormitory to the hump building and will be handled expressly by the clerks.