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PERMANENT WAY TOOLS.

A Committee is in Session in London considering the design of permanent way tools. In connection with sledge hammers it has been decided that while an 8 lb. hammer is suitable for general purposes it is thought that one weighing 12 lbs. should be available for striking rail sets.

I shall be glad to know what sledge hammers your gangs are equipped with and if you require any additional ones to those you already possess.

The design of beater picks has also been considered and no alteration is recommended to the 8 lb. tool which has been the standard on the Great Western for many years. It has been found, however, that when tools have been returned to the Blacksmith for repairs, etc. that he has added metal to them to make them heavier.

I should be glad if you would let me know if your gangs have any beater picks which are heavier than 8 lbs; if so, arrangements should be made for their return to the Blacksmith for them to be brought to standard weight.

I am issuing instructions to the Mechanics and Bridge Inspectors to pass on to their Blacksmiths to ensure that in future neither the beater picks nor any other tool returned to them for repairs should be increased in weight without proper authority.

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