

Northern Alberta's rail service (CN) is a Monopoly in the area. In the grain industry at least, producers loose delivery opportunities due to the "locked up business" that CN has in the north. CN moves the grain cars to the locations that are serviced by both CN & CP first because if they didn't they may loose some business to the competitor (CP). Because of this business situation, the grain up north moves to market much later in the year than elsewhere in the country. This really puts a squeeze on the cash flow of the producers in the area and needs to be rectified. The solution seems simple enough. Let CP run on CN lines and vice versa. This new rule would also increase the flow of cars through the mountains in the winter as with the yearly avalanches that block the tracks for sometimes a week or more both transportation companies could still meet their commitments.

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