



# **BUFFALO-ROCHESTER DIV. FIRST IN SAFETY FOR 1949**

## ***Tops entire transportation department***

**W**RITING of the achievement of his divisions in jumping from fourth place in safety in the Transportation department in 1948 to first place in 1949, Supt. C. S. Kinback said:

"First, we had no reportable injuries in station service on either the Buffalo or Rochester divisions. This we feel was largely due to the active interest taken in the safety movement by our safety committees at the various freight houses.

"In order to get men to think of safety, we issued a weekly safety bulletin. In these bulletins we tried to bring in current events and make the bulletins interesting as well as educational.

"We held short daily safety meetings with the men in addition to monthly safety meetings at the larger freight houses, stressing careful planning, proper thinking, and wearing of safety shoes. We feel that weather

was a factor in improving our record.

"We tried to develop a competitive spirit among the men and by means of monthly bulletins we got across to them our standing on the railroad as a whole.

"Due to accidents in January and February, we were in sixth place at the end of February. We were able to improve our position every month from then to the end of the year. There was a sincere desire on the part of supervision to do a better job and this in turn we tried to instill in each employe.

"We feel that conversion from steam power to diesel power considerably reduced the accident hazards during the year. Before the extensive use of diesel engines the most common injury was foreign substances in the eye. With the advent of the diesels this has been considerably reduced."

