

## Manitoba's First Motor Plowing Match

MANITOBA has held motor contests, tractor plowing demonstrations and tractor meets of all kinds, but it was left to Portage la Prairie to initiate the first tractor plowing match ever held in this province.

As the tractor plow is the outgrowth of the horse plow, so the tractor plowing match is an outgrowth of the horse plowing match.

The Portage plains have always been noted for their fine plowmen, due largely to the fact that the farming population of that district is generously sprinkled with Scotch, and the Scotch plowman is noted for his straight and clean furrow.

A number of the Portage farmers in keeping with the spirit of the times, after having won many honors in the horse plowing field decided that they would like to try their hand with the tractor, with the result that a very good match was pulled off on Thursday, June 28th, on the farm of C. P. McKenzie, about three miles west of Portage.

The plowing field was a nice level tract, which lay but a short distance from where the horse plowing match had been held on the previous day. The field had raised a crop in 1916, and was in a very nice mellow condition in so far as the depth of five inches was concerned, but below that was a hard pan, which had probably not been turned up for a number of years. The plowing was done at a depth of from 5½ inches to 6 inches, and was handled in a very satisfactory manner by the tractors that entered.

The following were the entries:—

A. Munro, International Harvester 8-16 Mogul, pulling a John Deere 3-bottom engine gang.

W. Bowes, International Harvester 10-20 Titan, pulling a P. & O. 3-bottom engine gang.

C. P. Lister, J. I. Case, 8-16, pulling a Case Grand Detour plow.

A. M. Brownridge, Waterloo Boy 12-25, pulling a Massey-Harris engine gang.

W. H. Rutledge, Sawyer-Massey 10-20, pulling a three-bottom Cockshutt engine gang.

C. P. McKenzie, J. I. Case 8-16, pulling a 3-bottom Case Grand Detour engine gang.

T. Wishart, International Harvester, 8-16 Mogul, pulling a 3-bottom Oliver gang.

J. W. Brydon, International Harvester 10-20 Mogul, pulling a 3-bottom Oliver gang.

H. G. Pelsue, Heider 8-16 tractor, pulling a 2-bottom Rock Island engine gang.

M. S. Burton, Heider 12-20 tractor, pulling a 3-bottom Rock Island engine gang.

Both of these Heider tractors are new arrivals in Canada and are sold by the Waterloo Manufacturing Co. of Portage la Prairie.

The basis of the score for points was as follows:—

	Pts.
Straightness of furrow .....	15
Feering .....	15
In and out at ends .....	5
Depth and width of furrow .....	15
Evenness of surface .....	10
Finish .....	15
Covering weeds and stubble .....	25
Total .....	100

The judges, Messrs. James Sutherland of Brandon and O. Graham of Winnipeg, carefully surveyed the work that was done after the match was finished, and turned in the following score card:—

Name.	Straightness.	Feering.	In and Out at Ends.	Depth and Width of Furrow.	Evenness of Surface.	Finish.	Covering Weeds & Stubble.	Total.
A. Munro	15	15	5	15	10	15	25	100
W. Bowes	10	6	3	12	6	6	20	63
C. P. Lister	11	9	4	13	7	12	22	78
A. M. Brownridge	8	7	3	11	6	7	17	59
W. H. Rutledge	12	8	4	14	8	11	22	79
C. P. McKenzie	8	8	3	11	5	3	16	54
T. Wishart	7	6	3	12	5	4	16	53
J. W. Brydon	11	8	4	13	7	10	19	72
H. G. Pelsue	10	8	4	13	7	8	22	73
M. S. Burton	9	7	4	11	6	7	18	62
	10	7	4	14	8	7	21	71

It should be distinctly understood in this connection that this was a plowing contest and not an engine contest. This statement has no reflection upon any of the engines that entered. It should, however, bring out one thing very

clearly, and that is that it takes a good plowman to plow with a tractor as well as with a horse. A tractor and an engine have no more brains than the operator puts into them. The men who did the best plowing were experienced

