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ships of a thresher's life in the next six years, when, at the end of that time it was laid aside, for the first portable engine outfit came in. The only experience, however, that I had with this was to start it and stop it once.

In the fall of 1902 the first up-to-date outfit came in a Port Huron 20 H.P. Compound engine and a 33-54 separator of the same make with feeder and windstacker and the way that outfit threshed astonished the people. I fired it some odd days for three seasons.

Three years ago I bought a Leader 18-20 engine that had been used for two months, paying \$400 for same. Machines being scarce in this part, I hired a Waterloo separator and a man, and we did our own and a few neighbors' threshing, getting along fine, which encouraged me to buy a separator of my own; a J. I. Case 28-46 with windstacker and feeder. Then I started in earnest on my own hook. The expert came along for a day and a half, getting things in good shape for the season's work.

I hired a man who had run a portable outfit for twenty-five years to look after the separator, but after looking it over he decided to run the engine, as he knew nothing about the separator.

So we started out, but before very long, we had the feeder sluggish and the feeder belt burnt. Luckily it started to rain and we got the belt mended up, but I tell you, I did not think much of the job, being a greenhorn. However, we got started up again and had very little trouble, threshing about 2,000 bushels a day of oats. We have scarcely any wheat grown in this section, and all threshed in the barn. With just the two of us with the outfit I charged \$1.60 an hour, running about ten hours a day for 24 days. Then we steamed home just as the snow and bad weather came.

We cleared \$12.00 a day and if one had a very expensive outfit, it would take a long time to pay for it. Still, there is great deal more pleasure working with the up-to-date outfit of to-day than the one of thirty years ago.

I have read and enjoyed "The Canadian Thresherman" for a year now and wish it every success for the years to come.

Yours truly,
G. H. McPherson,
Grand Valley, Ont.

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The report of the International Geological Congress on iron ore gives the total amount of the actual known reserve of the world as 22,408,000,000 tons, of which 12,032,000,000 is in Europe, 9,855,000,000 in America, 260,000,000 in Asia, 136,000,000 in Australia, and 125,000,000 in Africa. Of the 22,408,000,000 tons of iron ore, the proportion of iron is 10,192,000,000 tons, of which 5,154,000,000, or more than half, is available from the 9,855,000,000 tons of iron ore in America.

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