

MEN WHO MAKE No. 1 HARD

Being first hand experiences of the men who own and operate threshing outfits in Western Canada

Good as to Costs.

In 1910 I did not do any threshing, but in 1909 I put in time enough for two seasons. In that year we started out with a 26 horse power Sawyer - Massey tandem compound engine and a 36 x 60 Great West separator.

Owing to scarcity of labor, we could not engage a full crew till the season was well advanced, but we aimed to have eight stook teams and four pitchers in the field and no spike pitchers. We also hired a fireman and separator man, while I ran the engine and my partner acted as boss and made himself useful where ever he was needed.

We were out 68 days and had no breakdowns except that we lost a key out of the steering gear and lost about two hours getting another made. Our total repairs cost \$6.50 for the season.

In the 68 days, we threshed 74,800 bushels of wheat at 7 cents and 20,390 bushels of oats at 5 cents, all from stook. Our wages paid were \$2.50 to pitchers, \$4.50 to teams, while our fireman and separator man got \$2.75 and \$4.00 respectively. I have no account of the exact amount of wages paid, but it will be readily seen that, even had we a full crew all the time, there was a nice balance on the right side. We estimated our profits as \$1800.00 after all expenses were paid, except \$900 and interest to the machine company, which left us a clear gain of over \$800.

You will say this is small considering the amount of work done, but when one takes into account all the little things, including insurance, interest on cost of machine, wagons, tanks, caboose, etc., these go a long way toward eating up the profits.

Now, 1909 was an unusually good year for threshing. We threshed wheat that yielded 35 bushels per acre and oats that went 100. Of course, this was the very best we had.

Our outfit gave us entire satisfaction. We could make a good clean job without wasting grain, and never had any trouble with either end of it.

We placed our men and teams so that everyone knew his place, and if he was not in his place we would tell him. So we never had any delays in cleaning up or moving the outfit, which, by the way, is exceedingly handy to move.

Now, I might say for the benefit of those contemplating the purchase of a threshing outfit, go slow and do not believe quite all you hear about the money in threshing. And unless you have quite a large acreage of crop yourself, I would not advise you to make a business of threshing unless you have some other use for your engine be-

tween threshing seasons. There is too much money tied up in it to have it lying idle say ten months out of twelve.

I have threshed since the days of the old horse power rigs, where the thresher got \$10.00 a day for his rig and two men, up to the present, and for one man that made money threshing, there were five or six who did not. I believe, however, that when a man has plowing or other work for his engine and he runs his business on a business basis, there is money and plenty of it in an outfit, but threshing alone, never.

I have in mind one man who, last season plowed 1200 acres of prairie sod at a cost of \$2.50 per acre, and for which he received from \$3.50 to \$4.00, and last season was very short for plowing.

I plowed for a few days myself, with a 26 horse power Sawyer-Massey engine, and could make fifteen acres per day at a cost of \$25.00 for coal, wages, oil, etc.

Trusting I have not worried you too much with this rambling account of myself, and wishing you and the Thresherman every success, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

J. N. Dibble,

Marquis, Sask.

Each Man to His Place.

I am a traction engineer, and have had quite a bit of experience, both plowing and threshing. Now, there are four things which are absolutely essential to success which every thresherman needs, and they are: First, the ability to handle a crew of men; second, experience in handling threshing machinery; third, a good outfit; and fourth, the best engineer he can obtain.

I have put the men first, because they are the wage earners, and therefore need the first consideration. Most people know that threshing is a monotonous job, especially towards the end of the season. Therefore, if you have a good crew hang on to them by making them comfortable. How? you ask. Let me tell you. Every man likes to sit in a nice warm room on a cold night, or sit and smoke and tell each other yarns of some place over the stove. So begin by building a sleeping caboose that is waterproof, draftproof, put a window in it, put a door that fits well on it, double floor the bottom bunks, and put a stove in it when the cold weather comes, and so on. But whatever you do, let the men see that you are considering their comfort. Then finish by having a definite agreement with them as to their wages, and pay them to the cent when settling time comes. If the thresherman does this he won't



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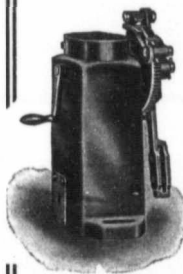
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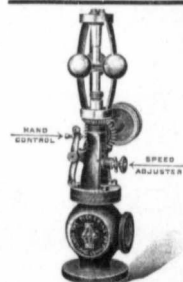
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