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## Winnipeg's Great Fair

Imagine if you can a solid line of men, women and children stretching away one hundred and twenty miles. A line of people that would reach from Winnipeg nearly to Brandon. The population of Winnipeg, Brandon, Regina and several smaller towns all in one closely formed line. Imagine all this and you will have some idea of the crowd of Western Canadians who paid to see the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

There were nearly two hundred thousand paid admission to the big event. Allowing a space of three feet for each visitor, and supposing that the entire lot hit the gates at the same time the above mentioned line would be the result. It is not probable that every mere man would require a space of three feet but it's a safe bet that the Merry Widows of the ladies would more than make up for the discrepancy. But let's not argue about it, for, of course, no such line was ever formed.

The visitors, who hailed from every province in the Dominion, had ten whole days (ten, count 'em) in which to attend this great galaxy of gorgeous, gripping, gaze-inspirers (see the show bills). And of course there was more than one gate through which the crowd was admitted. These and several other things, all looked after by the board of directors, who have handled numerous other crowds, conspired to prevent the formation of any such line.

That's enough about that line. But let it be known that the paid admissions to the great show of the Great West far surpassed in numbers those of any previous exhibition.

### Exhibits were Fine

And inside the grounds there were so many things of interest that it is hard to decide from which end to start a "write-up." Probably the most impressive, and certainly one of the most important from the farmer's point of view, was the exhibit of machinery. The management this year made a welcome change and brought this from the far south-west corner of the grounds, to which it has been relegated in the past years, and gave it a position in the most conspicuous part of the lots. Seeing that the machinery is the first important exhibit that is encountered on the trip from the main entrance through the grounds, let's take a look at it first of all.

There was certainly a great collection. Absolutely everything that could be used on any farm, from a pump to a big tractor. There were little gasoline engines and big gasoline engines all chugging away at a great rate and furnishing power to so many different machines that it would be impossible to remember them all. Little

*Attendance at the Industrial Exhibition this year was the Largest in the History of the "Great Fair of the Great West." The Exhibits in all classes were bigger and better than ever. Over Two Hundred Thousand People Passed Through the Gates*

ones operated washing machines, churns, feed choppers, pumps, etc., while the larger ones did everything from turning a concrete mixer to pulling the big gang plows in the motor competition. It looks as if the steam engine had seen its best

some by gasoline, and others by kerosene. The latter are a rather new wrinkle in the realms of tractorism and their backers make enthusiastic claims for their efficiency and cheapness of operation.

And each concern that deals in these

it is handy to step over and see "what's doing." Here the noise of the gasoline chuggers gives way to the bawls of the ballyhoos, or, as the management prefers them to be known, the lecturers, who loudly extol the virtues of the wild animal show, the fat girl, the snake-eater, the frog boy and all the rest of the freaks.

Just over there on the right is the colonnade. True it is a pretty rusty sort of a structure, but that name sounds classy and lends tone. But there's nothing rusty about the exhibits that were housed behind the colonnade. Here is where the heart of the housewife is filled with delight. Practically every firm in Canada that has anything to sell for the farm or city home had a place, some just a small stall and others exhibits that covered many hundred square feet of floor space. Among these larger ones, that of the T. Eaton Company held first place. This great firm was showing the choicest selections of its wares for every part of the home from the kitchen to the parlor. Anyone could be happy in the kind of home that they showed completely furnished.

### Through the Colonnade

But let's us start at the beginning and go through. The first building was completely filled with fruit, the largest exhibits being those from the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia. They were enough to inspire the most unhealthy appetite. Big red and russet apples, all varieties of plums, berries and cherries filled one with thoughts of delicious pies. By the way, do you know of anything better to eat than a cherry pie?

But we can't put in too much time with the fruit for there are other things to see. Next along the colonnade is the "bread-basket." Here is shown the wheat, the best from the "bread basket of the Empire," each a prime sample of Red Fyfe or other high grade milling wheat. And over there on the side under glass cases is the climax of the exhibit, the finished product of the milled wheat. Western Canada's housewives, than which there are no better, this year contributed one of the greatest arrays of bread, rolls, cakes and other culinary triumphs that has ever been shown. In the same building the exhibits of flowers were displayed and filled the space with beauty and perfume.

Next come the manufacturers' buildings. A big fair might have the greatest racing and amusement card in the world; the best stock on the continent and a pyrotechnic display that would turn night into day; but what would it all amount to were it not for the displays of the mercan-

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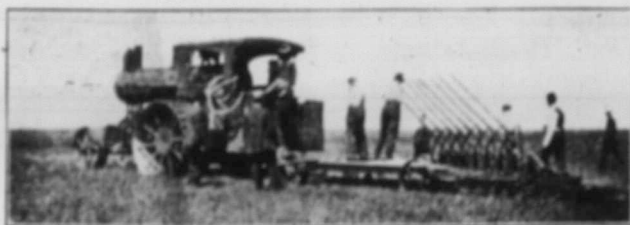
Gasoline Traction Engine, manufactured by Marshall Sons & Co. Ltd., Canada, Eng. Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1910

days in the operation of small machinery.

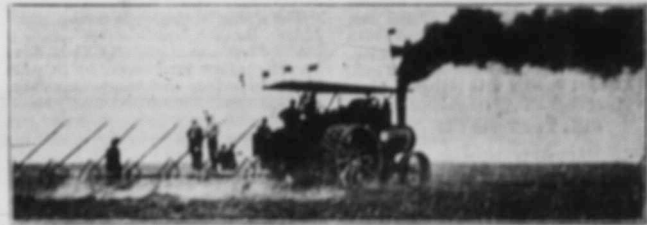
Then there were separators, binders, discers, plows of every kind, shape and description, seeders, wagons, buggies, hay rakes, grain picklers and every other machine and implement that a farmer could use. The tractors received probably the greatest share of attention. They were certainly a gallant array, each calculated to assist in the "passing of the horse." Some were not much bigger than an automobile while others rivalled the smaller locomotives. Some run by steam,

machines was represented at the exhibition by its ablest salesman and the farmer who could not get something to satisfy him is indeed hard to suit. Machinery manufacturers, the world over, look upon Winnipeg as the foremost exhibit of their wares and consequently each takes great care that it is well represented both at its sales show and in the motor competition. The entire exhibit covered several acres.

No exhibition would be complete without its array of sideshows, and as the midway is just over beyond the machinery,



The Avery Steam Tractor pulling Twelve Cockshott Bottoms. Plowing Contest. Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1910



Big Ramsdell Steam Tractor pulling 14 Bottoms. Plowing Contest. Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition, 1910