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I think the help problem is a serious problem with large outfit. Every thresher knows what it means to be short handed. I think if we could get the railroads to assist us in some way in equalizing the men up at every point and not letting them go to the large centers, it would be a good plan. Until these large outfits are run with a full crew they will not pay the first big price and the after-due big interest. I think it a splendid idea for from three to five farmers to own their own small outfit. They can then manage at long themselves and not depend on outside help. Another thing that I would like to see threshers take up, is a cleaner on their machines. The screenings can be fed and the weeds burnt, the thresher charging the same for it as if it were good grain.

Our season was pretty fair here. We did not have much straw. I threshed 38,500 bushels in 21 days and was not full handed at that. I have a Sawyer-Massey 26 h.p. Compound Engine and a 36 x 60 Great West Separator with a Ruth feeder, which makes a good outfit and runs fine, stopping for nothing.

I keep the separator in a shed when not in use, and put everything in good shape before starting out. In the three years I have run it, it has only cost me \$3.00 for repairs, which was on the feeder caused by a fork going through it. I think a shed is worth \$500.00 a year to the life of a separator.

My crew consisted of between six and eight stook teams, one pitcher in the field and one at the machine. This was all the help I could get when I should have had three more pitchers.

We charge 6 and 8 cents here and the farmers board the crew. This is for stook threshing as there is very little stacking done here. It would probably be better if some did, and all would then not want to be threshed at the same time.

I ran my own engine, which means considerable if there is no time lost in moving and setting. I find it pays to move the outfit to the stooks rather than have the teams haul long distances.

I keep a large canvas under the feeder, so as it does not take long to clean up and get away. I have threshed nine seasons in this country and the only successes I have seen, is where the owner works mighty hard, loses lots of sleep and gets very little thanks.

Yours truly,

J. R. HANNAFORD,
Fairlight, Sask.

Enjoys This Magazine.

I started on a horse power threshing outfit thirty years ago. It was built in Flora, Ont., and cost \$320.00. At that time we ran it at about \$6.00 a day, threshing about 500 bushels. I experienced a little of the hard-

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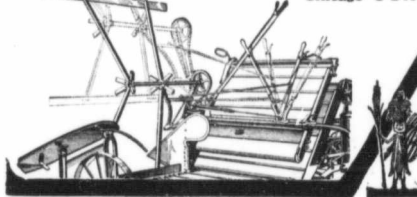
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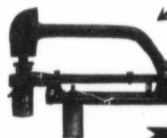
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