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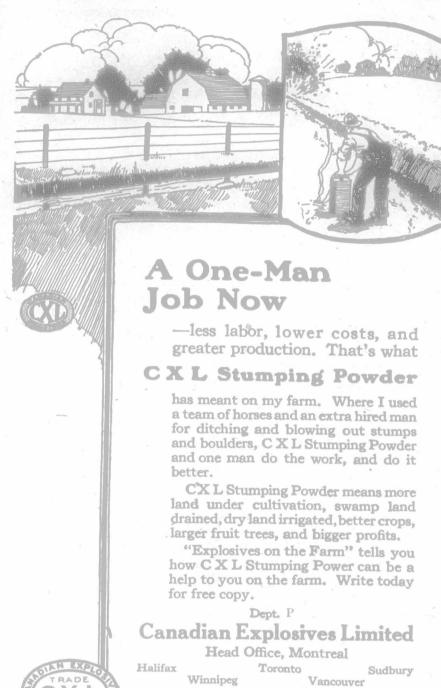
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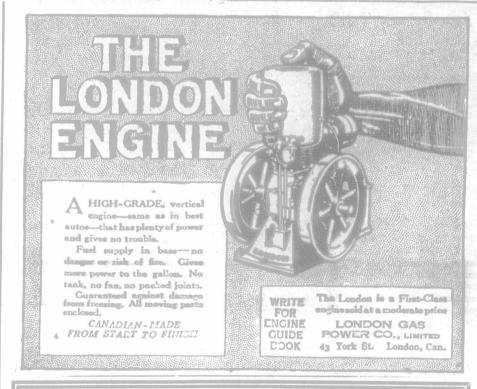
wheel or the track has on the ground. As the manufacturer desires to sell as wide a market as possible, the tractor is made light and the resistance provided by spuds, angles, lugs, grousers, etc. Whatever the arrangement, it should provide constant resistance equal to the power developed at the ground surface. In firm land a good grip is not difficult to obtain, but for soft and sandy soil special fittings are demanded, and for such conditions most makers provide longer and wider spuds or angles. It was shown at recent tractor tests that the efficiency of the means taken to get a good grip, could vary 50 per cent., and this feature of the tractor will pay for careful investigation.

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The nature of the soil on your farm determines also the weight of the machine you can use on it, for if the pressure of the wheels on the soil is too great, it will pack it so that the seedling cannot break through. Soils which pack badly require that the pressure per square inch of the wheels or track on the ground be reduced to a very low figure, and the crawler type of tractor is best suited to these because the total weight is distributed over such a greatly increased bearing area and the weight per square inch is reduced to less than that per square inch under the foot of the average man, which is taken as seven pounds. Wheel tractors vary greatly in weight, and the unit pressure ranges from seven pounds to 25 pounds. The majority impose less pressure on the soil than the hoofs of the horse (taken as 20 lbs.) and would be safe on the same land. With some types extension rims are provided, and with these attached the tendency to pack is materially reduced, although the machine is somewhat more

difficult to handle.

A great deal might be said about the size and arrangement of wheels and the distribution of weight of the tractor. Probably the easiest to handle under average conditions is the four-wheel type, with two steering wheels, and two driving



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wheels which pass over the track made of the steering wheel; or a crawler type mounted on and steered by means of a track on either side.

Careful enquiry should be made about the quantity of fuel used per acre and the nature of the fuel required. The continued advance in the prices of liquid fuel have caused engine designers to make improvements that effect a considerable saving, and the model purchased should be up to date to get advantage of this.

Another and very important feature is the method of lubrication adopted for every working part of the outfit. Investigation should be made to see that this is ample and that no part is difficult to get at. When a machine is finally decided upon, be careful to obtain full instructions as to the kind of oil and grease required, and a chart showing every place where they are applied.

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Comfort for the driver is a matter of importance when a man expects to sit on a machine for many hours a day. The seat should be comfortable and be situated so the driver can see ahead of him without twisting himself all out of shape. The levers controlling both the tractor and the plows should be within easy reach, and the leg room long enough for a full-size man,

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