

SPRING THRESHING

There is yet a considerable amount of grain to be threshed. Some of this is in stacks, but the largest proportion is still in the stook. The question of how to handle this grain has, no doubt, been worrying many farmers and with the object of getting as much practical information as possible The Guide arranged a competition dealing with the present grain situation. From the letters received the sum of the advice is as follows: As soon as the snow has gone away sufficiently all sheaves on the ground should be picked up and restocked. It is best to keep any sprouted ones separate so as not to spoil the sample of threshed grain. Any grain which was stacked after the snow had covered the stooks should be restacked. It is not necessary to wait until the grain is "snapping" hard before threshing it. Just as soon as a handful of the grain will slip thru the fingers without clogging up it can be safely threshed. One suggestion which will call for considerable work but which would undoubtedly give good results was to build a rough frame of 16 foot rafters somewhat steeper than a roof, brace it well, set it north-west and south-east and space the sheaves similar to thatch. Sheaves stacked in this way should be picked out of the stooks as the frost releases them and placed to dry out against the frame.

Moving the Outfit

The threshing outfit should be overhauled and made ready and, if at all possible, most of the moving ought to be done before the frost is out of the ground. A four-horse team hitched to the nose of the engine will keep it from sliding around and greatly assist moving. Grain threshed in the spring ought not to be used for seed. It may germinate reasonably well, but the chances

are very much against this occurring. With regard to piles of grain in the field the general suggestion is to spread about three feet of straw on the highest piece of ground available and move the grain on top of it, rounding it up to as much a peak as possible. The only damage other than weathering the outside kernels which wheat piled outside will sustain is from moisture from the bottom. All the farmers heard from who have had experience with spring threshing report that there is not so much loss to grain left out all winter as might be expected, providing care is taken to get the stooks and sheaves dried out as quickly as possible in the spring.

Result of Competition

Most of the letters received dealt with "Threshing grain in the spring." Any dealing with the other two divisions of the subject did not go into the question in sufficient detail to make the information given valuable enough for a prize. However, we wish to thank all correspondents for their letters on this important question. The first prize of 30 pounds of Seager Wheeler's Marquis wheat was won by John Beggs, Arcola, Sask. The second prize of 20 pounds of similar wheat goes to James Munro, Sr., Cartwright, Man.

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J. E. Docking, Swan Lake, Man.	5.00
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Total	\$1,380.80

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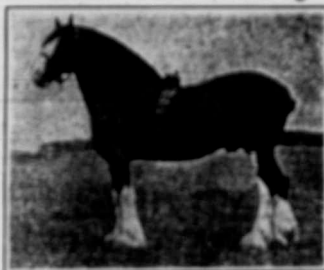
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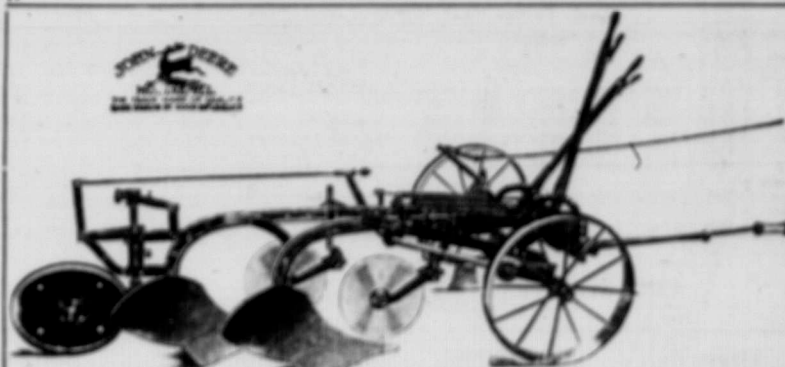
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