

mailed to your secretary treasurer. More can be secured by writing to the department. All parts of the outfit must be cleaned before moving, and this section of the Act should be strictly enforced. Probably a great deal of trouble will be saved if you interview each of the threshermen and discuss the matter with him. It seems to me that we should discourage the use of old racks with the tight bed, such as are used by many men to collect during the week a quantity of grain and chaff to take home to the chickens on Saturday night. Such proceedings should be stopped. The rack should be of a style that can be easily cleaned, probably the flat-bottomed rack with the floor pieces a couple of inches apart is the best design, as in using such a rack there will be no accumulation of chaff and weeds and such material as is gathered can easily be cleaned off. Threshing machine men who fail to comply with this section of the Act have no rights under The Threshers' Lien Act. (See, also, Nos. 19, 38.)

38. Section 22 will be hard to enforce so long as farmers as a body do not take enough interest in the matter to use it for their own protection. The thresherman is just like any other man—no better and no worse. He is not likely to be particular or careful about taking along a few weed seeds, so long as the man to whose farm he is coming does not care. When the majority of farmers ask him to clean his machine he will be only too glad to comply. There need be no dispute over the meaning of the term "clean." There is always the common sense thing to do and this section simply asks that the machine be run empty a minute or two and that the top and sides of the machine be swept clean and all stook wagons be cleaned before the outfit leaves for another farm. This is by no means a hardship upon any owners of a machine. A couple of brooms should be carried on the outfit. With a little attention at the right time there will be little difficulty in getting the men to sweep off after the last load. A worthy separator man will sweep off the machine while the last loads are being threshed. (See, also, Nos. 19, 37.)

39. Sometimes strongly worded epistles are addressed to the department condemning section 22, because no provision is made to prevent the use of dirty straw in taking the engine to the next farm. It would seem that when the section, as it stands now, is really enforced it will be ample time for more legislation. We must remember that in many cases there is nothing else to use and the man to whose farm the machine is going has the privilege of himself furnishing fuel for the move. Many weeds are carried in this way, but not one-tenth as many as those carried by uncleaned stook wagons. Other men want legislation to compel threshers to leave their weed screens open. Regarding this, we must agree that the operator is entitled to pay for every bushel of weed seeds he threshes. In fact, it does seem that he would be justified in putting in a good screen, taking out all the weed seeds, measuring them up when the setting is finished and then charging three prices for each bushel threshed.

40. Complaints are sometimes made about outfits crossing fields and summerfallows in taking short cuts across country. The thresher-