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THIS, the second Traction Cultivation num-
ber of The Canadian Thresherman and
Farmer in 1910, should demonstrate to
both reader and advertiser alike that we know
something about the game and that we are
in it for keeps.

Despite the fact that there are more
plowing engines sold in 1910 in Western Can-
ada than in the two previous years, the price of
horses is higher and there is more demand
for them than ever before. This would indi-
cate but one thing and that is that Western
Canada is going to turn over some land this
year and turning over this land, it will pro-
duce a crop that will be bigger by far than any-
thing in the records of Western Canadian
Agricultural history.

The Motor Contest for 1910 to be held at
Winnipeg promises to be by far the biggest
yet. It will be a more exhaustive test, will be
longer, and will be from all indications par-
ticipated in by a much larger number of
contestants than either 1909 or 1908.

These Motor Contests are of inestimable
value to the farmer in that they demonstrate to him just what the
traction engine will do. Another feature of the 1910 Contest,
which will in all probability be carried out is a comparison be-
tween the traction engine and the horse. The Exhibition
Association propose to have plows at work upon the same ground
as the traction engine. Careful note will be taken of the amount
of work they do, the cost of doing it, etc., and this will be com-
pared with the work that the traction engines do in order to arrive
at a comparative statement between the horse and the traction
engine.

This is a thing in which the farmer is vitally interested. It is
always a question with him before he purchases a traction engine
as to whether or not it will be a paying proposition, whether or
not he can discard his horse outfit and substitute the traction en-
gine at a saving to himself. The test at Winnipeg will not demon-
strate this conclusively, but it will provide a basis from which the
farmer can calculate.

Every manufacturer who has a traction engine suitable for
traction cultivation purposes whether it be steam, gasoline or kero-
sene, should enter this contest. The manufacturer who builds
steam traction engines goes to the farmer and through the medium
of his salesman and catalogue, etc., tries to prove to him that the
steam engine is the whole thing in traction cultivation work, and
that the oil engine is not the thing best suited to his needs. The
oil engine manufacturer does practically the same thing. Con-
sequently, it is up to every manufacturer to come into this contest,
not so much with the idea of winning a medal because when we get
right down to brass tacks, medals are not the real things, but with
the idea of furnishing the farmer with reliable data to back up the
manufacturer's argument.

The tests are carried on thoroughly and impartially, each and
every manufacturer having a fair show. He should get into the
spirit of the game, playing it to win if possible, but accepting his

defeat with the best of grace and go home with
the firm resolve that he will either build a
better engine or will come back another year
prepared to win.

The Exhibition Association have stayed
by the game and are staying by it in a way
that calls for commendation. It is not a
money making proposition in so far as they are
concerned, but they realize that it is of in-
terest to the farmer and they are in the Ex-
hibition business to give him the best value for
his money that they possibly can. The farmers
should do their part towards providing a big
show by attending in a body and watch-
ing the game. With the plans that are
under way and which will be made known
later there is absolutely no reason why we
cannot have the biggest motor contest in
Winnipeg in 1910 that has ever been held in
the world and there is absolutely no reason
why we cannot secure data from the results of
this contest that will be worth thousands of
dollars to the farmers of Western Canada.
Just pass the word along, talk about the
motor contest to your neighbor, get him in-
terested and induce him to come down to Winnipeg and see for
himself just what the traction engine can do for him.

Engines will be on the field in a wide range of sizes suitable to
every farmer's needs, from the man who owns a quarter section up
to the man who owns three and four sections, and everything pos-
sible will be done to make the results as beneficial to the farmers as
it is within the power of the judges to make them.

We shall have considerable to say about this motor contest dur-
ing the next two or three months, but as a last word we would like
to say to the farmers that if each and every one of them will put
this motor contest on some little shelf of his memory until such
time as he can come to Winnipeg and see the contest that no small
amount of good will result.

We had the opportunity a short time ago of viewing the plans
for the University of Saskatchewan and after going over them care-
fully we must say that the province is to be congratulated on pre-
paring for such a broad-gauged educational institution. When
the plans are carried out, which will probably take a num-
ber of years, the province of Saskatchewan will have a Univer-
sity that will be equal to anything on the American continent.
It will provide educational facilities for its young men and young
women that will enable them to fit themselves for any vocation that
they may desire, whether it be agriculture, the arts and sciences,
law, medicine, etc., etc., etc. It is a grand move and should receive
the hearty support not only of the people of the province of
Saskatchewan, but every province in Western Canada. It costs
money, it costs time and it will cost an infinite amount of labor, but
everything that is expended will return to Western Canada in the
shape of future generations of young men and women that are
fitted to go out on the avenues of life and to take their places side
by side with the best minds of the world.

This is not mere talk, it is a fact and the future position of the
province of Saskatchewan will prove it conclusively.

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