

The Motor Contest and



A John Deere Engine Gang as it was pulled by the Flour City 40 h.p. Kerosene Tractor at the Winnipeg Motor Competition, July 12-22, 1911. The above engine won the Gold Medal in the Kerosene Class

Plowing is the most spectacular as it is the most important part of a motor competition. The competition is such that no plows are entered for medals, neither do they receive any, yet the work of the engine depends in no small degree upon the plow which it pulls. It takes FUEL and water to pull an engine gang, consequently the lighter the draft per plow the less fuel and water it takes per acre plowed.

JOHN DEERE ENGINE GANGS WERE PULLED BY 10 MEDAL WINNERS OUT OF A POSSIBLE 13 IN THE WINNIPEG MOTOR CONTEST. THESE WERE DIVIDED AS FOLLOWS: 4 GOLD MEDALS, 3 SILVER MEDALS AND 3 BRONZE MEDALS.

PRACTICALLY AS MANY JOHN DEERE ENGINE GANGS WERE PULLED IN THE WINNIPEG MOTOR COMPETITION AS ALL OTHER MAKES COMBINED, there being 7 different makes of engine gangs used. There is a reason.

The 1911 contest rules stated that only ONE MAN would be allowed on a plow. Now, in a plowing competition, frequent changes in depth are necessary, but as THE PLOWS ON JOHN DEERE ENGINE GANGS ARE ATTACHED IN

PAIRS, one man was able to handle the largest gang easily and to the complete satisfaction of the engine operator. One of the principal points in the quality of plowing, as judged in the contest, was the finish at the ends, and the arrangement of JOHN DEERE plows in pairs enabled one man to make a perfectly straight headland.

The above are important items in actual field work, saving time and labor, and while it is not necessary to change the depth so frequently as in a contest IT IS NECESSARY TO RAISE THE PLOWS FOR TURNING AND WITH A JOHN DEERE ENGINE GANG ONE MAN CAN DO THIS WITHOUT STOPPING THE ENGINE; besides which fact, the ends of the land are much more regular.

Much of the land at the Winnipeg Motor Contest was covered with thick tall grass, and it was very noticeable that JOHN DEERE ENGINE GANGS DID NOT CLOG OR CHOKE. THE AVERAGE TIME LOST ON ACCOUNT OF PLOWS WAS VIRTUALLY NOTHING. This was due to the fact that the CURVED BEAMS GAVE AN ABUNDANCE OF THROAT ROOM THROUGH WHICH TRASH COULD EASILY PASS.

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