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The Machinery of the Hay Crop

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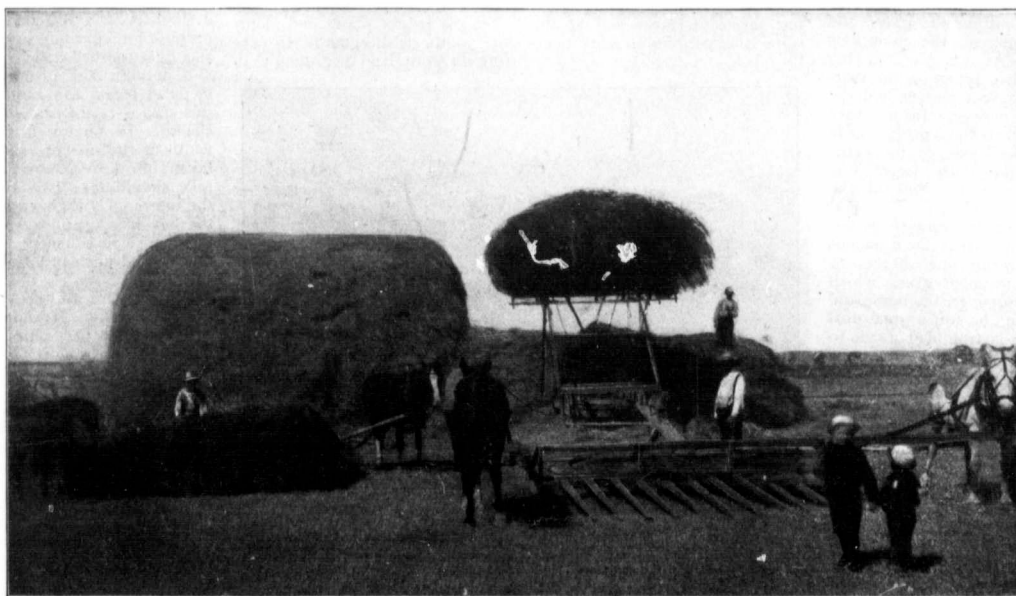
ORDINARILY we do not think of the hay crop of Western Canada as having any great commercial importance. Yet, when reduced to the basis of dollars and cents, it is by no means an insignificant factor in Western Canada's agricultural products.

A comparison of the aggregate production of the West with the hay production of Ontario reveals the fact that there is a side to our agriculture that is very much neglected, and when we furthermore, consider the fact that Western Canada can be made a most excellent hay producing country, we cannot help but feel

among the farmers of Western Canada that tame grasses do not thrive, especially the clovers. But when we get right down to brass tacks, we find that this is due largely to the fact that a start has never been made. In localities where clover has been tried and cared for sufficiently, we find the clover crop in a flourish-

all of the three prairie provinces. As a matter of fact, the Government of Saskatchewan is showing an unusual interest in this crop and has offered some substantial prizes in order to induce the farmers to sow more alfalfa.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a number of valuable experiences of farmers all over



A Dain Sweep Rake and Dain Swinging Stacker erecting a most beautiful stack.

In 1909 Manitoba produced 171,200 tons of hay, Saskatchewan produced 35,500 tons and Alberta produced 89,400 tons, making a total of 296,100 tons. In the same year the province of Ontario produced 4,773,000 tons.

that the farmer is neglecting a source of revenue that at the same time will put money into his pocket and increase the value of his farm materially for every ton of hay that he raises.

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Western Canada who have grown tame grasses with more or less success, so that in this article I shall attempt to deal more with the machinery of the hay crop with the idea of acquainting the farmers with just what equip-