



Hogs Hit All Time High
Hog marketings in Ontario are still about 57,000 below the 1950 figure with a total of 906,000 for 1951 to June 9th. Quebec and Alberta are running practically neck and neck in hog production this year. Quebec has marketed 443,000 hogs, and Alberta 442,000. Saskatchewan is next with 129,000, and Manitoba follows with 121,000. The Maritimes have 90,000 and British Columbia 17,000. The total marketings of Canada up to the week end of June 16th, were 2,233,000, which is about 140,000 below last year's figure for this date.

As we write, Grade A hogs on the Toronto stockyards are quoted at 39c which is the highest price hogs have ever been on the Toronto stockyards. The fourth quarter of this year is expected to reveal some substantial increase in production with numbers and percentages very much more forward in the West than in the East.

The estimated figures for the 12 months ending December 31st next do not indicate much change from the actual marketings in 1950. Halton County marketed 5,330 hogs in October, November and December of 1950, and the estimate for the same period in 1951 is only about 3 per cent higher. The Ontario estimate for the last three months of the year indicates a 5 per cent increase in marketings over the same period in 1950.

Catchy Weather Retards Haying
Catchy weather and lack of labour has prevented much progress this past week in taking off Halton's best hay crop in some years. Coupled with this the crop is very sappy and takes a good deal of making. Considerable hay has already been baled and we can't help but wonder if some of it isn't going to be musty when the bales are opened next winter. Spring rains continue to promise a heavy crop.

Last winter we suggested the idea of mulching some of the spring grain with the hope it would stimulate better catches of seeds—help to retain soil moisture, and also prevent soil erosion. Several farmers have tried out the idea, and it certainly has given results. During the past week we called on J. M. Readhead, of Lowville. Maurice went into the broiler business a little over two years ago. At the moment they have something over 12,000 in their barn which has been converted into a "Broiler Factory". Frankly it is quite a sight to behold.

However, what we started out to report was the appearance of some of his spring grain and new seedlings. Some of the manure from his broiler pens was spread as a mulch on a section of one of his fields. The difference in appearance between the area mulched and that unmulched is amazing to say the least. On the mulched area the grain and new seeds are not only much more vigorous but they are a deep green in comparison to the unmulched areas. If the present drippy weather continues it almost looks as if those who tried out the mulching idea are going to cuss us at harvest time.

Farm Labour in Very, Very Short Supply

1951 will no doubt be remembered in history as a year of inflationary prices. It would also appear as if it will stand out as the worst year to date from the standpoint of available supply of farm labour. Just a few minutes ago we phoned W. Davison, Agricultural Advisor to the National Employment Service in the province.

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Campbellville Club At Top of League

Campbellville ball team resumed its winning ways with an 18-6 victory over Streetsville, right in the latter's home town.

The game was marred by continual arguments and play stoppages which prolonged the game. It was featured by the long ball hitting of the local boys who came out of their batting slump in no uncertain manner. The result was in doubt until the last inning when the Campbellville team put on the season's rally with 10 runs.

Streetsville displayed a weakness in their pitching corps, which will have to be improved.

Roberts of Campbellville again pitched great ball on relief. The win puts the Campbellville lads on top of the league much to their credit.

Campbellville baseball team journeyed to Brampton on Tuesday June 19 and won a close 2-1 decision from that well balanced club. It was strictly a pitchers' battle with Lefty Roberts outpitching Patton. Brampton's ace hurler, Robert allowed 4 hits to Patton's 6 and each had 10 strike-outs.

A man whose normal weight is 150 pounds would weight about 50 pounds if all the water in his system were dried up.

HARD-WORKING SETTLERS OF 1820 FORM FIRST BOSTON CONGREGATION

by George H. Michie

At a time when Europe and the rest of the world was in a ferment, Rev. William Jenkins of Markham Township visited the families in the new settlement in Esqueving Township, soon called the Scotch Block (because Highland and Lowland Scotch settlers grouped together in the south end of the township), and organized a congregation. That was 131 years ago, and the world had its troubles then as today except that news did not travel as fast.

Europe, torn by revolution after the ousting of Napoleon, from Russia, Austria, the German States, Prussia, Belgium, Italy, Holland, France, Spain and Portugal (all the places where Diplomats today are trying to form a European Confederation), was just beginning to settle down, and Napoleon died at St. Helena. The given road up over the mountain at Dufferin School was called St. Helena road by the Scotch settlers. The schools in the area, Waterloo, Ligny and Quatre Bras, were all named after famous battles. At this time also Brazil became a republic after their king returned to make his capital in Lisbon Portugal, and Fort York (Toronto) was just being rebuilt after being burned in the invasion of Canada by the U.S.A. General Brock had become immortalized as Canada's defender at Queenston, and Laura Secord had carried her message, driving her cow before her. All these things were known by the settlers in Scotch Block in 1820, but worried them less than they would today since travel was so slow and there was no regular mail.

A story is told of how the daughter of one of the settlers was married and was given a cow to take with her when she went with her husband to their new home in the woods near Erin. The family dog watched the proceedings and secretly followed the pair with the cow. The next day it returned bringing back the cow to Scotch Block! The sturdy pioneers carried their grain to Fort York to be ground and back again on their backs.

They had little trouble with the Indians since Esqueving area was a former battleground and the nearest tribe was the peace-loving Hurons. The Iroquois had been defeated earlier by the fur traders. The rival Iroquois and Hurons, and sometimes the Algonquins used to meet and fight their battles half way between their main settlements at Lake Erie and Georgian Bay. Burial grounds in Esqueving still reveal collections of a warrior's equipment, much of which has been transferred to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto.

Surrounded by one hundred fifty foot timbers, which were later cut and hauled to Oakville to become ship's masts, in their log cabins, the settlers with all their worries and toil, took time to organize a congregation which has endured many breaks and disputes. The growth of towns diverted members from the congregation but descendants of the original families still worship on the hill surrounded by tall elms which may have been mere seedlings in the time of the church's founding.

In 1867 the plans for the present stone church were completed, and at the same time the Fathers of Confederation had succeeded in joining Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia into one country. Again there was a threat of invasion from the U.S.A. after the Fenian Border raids. At that time the Boston and Milton Congregations were served by one home. The two congregations divided in 1887. In 1880 hymns were used as well as psalms for the first time in Boston Church, and an organ was installed in 1882. Many members would not join in the singing but soon became adjusted to the situation. The large brick manse was built in 1889 and first occupied by the Rev. W. J. Milne. Meanwhile the United Presbyterians had built their large brick church in 1866 and manse in 1872, on the corner close to Mansewood. Families of the two congregations

were good neighbours and friends after the early disputes over the form of their service, which caused the split in 1836. Boston church has survived this break as well as the loss of congregation when the United church was formed in 1935. Omagh Presbyterian Church is now the sister congregation. News which was most prominent in these times was the dispute between the Prime Minister and Governor General of Canada over the powers of the latter. The world was in a state of feverish prosperity which was doomed to fall with the depression.

Visiting one's neighbours and relatives was eagerly looked forward to in those days and a feature of Boston Church Anniversaries is the friendly chatting after the service. The family "company" is taken along on this day to swell the congregation.

Fisherman's Prayer

"Give to us, O Lord, fair days. Lead us beside the still waters, rippling as the sun declines, with the gentle urge of the south wind. Embroider the banks of Thy streams with lacy finery of plumed and breathing trees. Prevent my flies from entanglement in their hair.

"Fire the forest with the crimson blaze of the cardinal, with the gold of the oriole and with the punctuating dots of the red wild raspberry.

"Permit me, too, to enjoy those trees that intimately live with rain", and "which lift their leafy arms to pray. Permit the perfume of an ocean of wildflowers to permeate my nostrils. Direct my steps to a cool, gurgling, gushing spring, from which I may quaff the most glorious liquor in the world. May you see that my cup runneth over.

"Grant, O Lord, that the green pastures through which I pass may prove a promised land. Temper the sun to a shrinking, tender pink. Help me to appreciate, O Lord, Thy streams that laugh and chuckle as they dance, gleefully toward the distant sea. Induce the birds, unfrightened, to sing as I lunch, my table a Rock of Ages. Suffer the wild things to come to the brink, and drink, in confidence and in peace and in safety.

"Help me, O Lord, to cast my line in pleasant places. For me, Sir, unveil the sunrises, and feature the sunsets. Discover to me the snow on the mountain tops; and the valley shade that I may better appreciate Thy works.

"Make it plain that this earth is warm and friendly and glowing and full of promise. Let me be sure that Your rainbow arches for all. Aid me, O Lord, to see with penetrating eyes to know with an understanding heart those natural wonders that God hath wrought, mine to enjoy as days too quickly pass. Interpret them in the simple words of fisherman—St. Peter was of our clan.

"Do these things, O Lord I pray unto Thee. And although the creel may prove empty, and the rod broken, the line tangled and the flies missing, this will I know: "That, patterned in Your Image, I shall return from the stream a better and a happier man, more fit to take up the routine of daily life. I will be aptly accoutred to tread the long, long trail, which O Lord I pray, will lead to peace everlasting. Amen."

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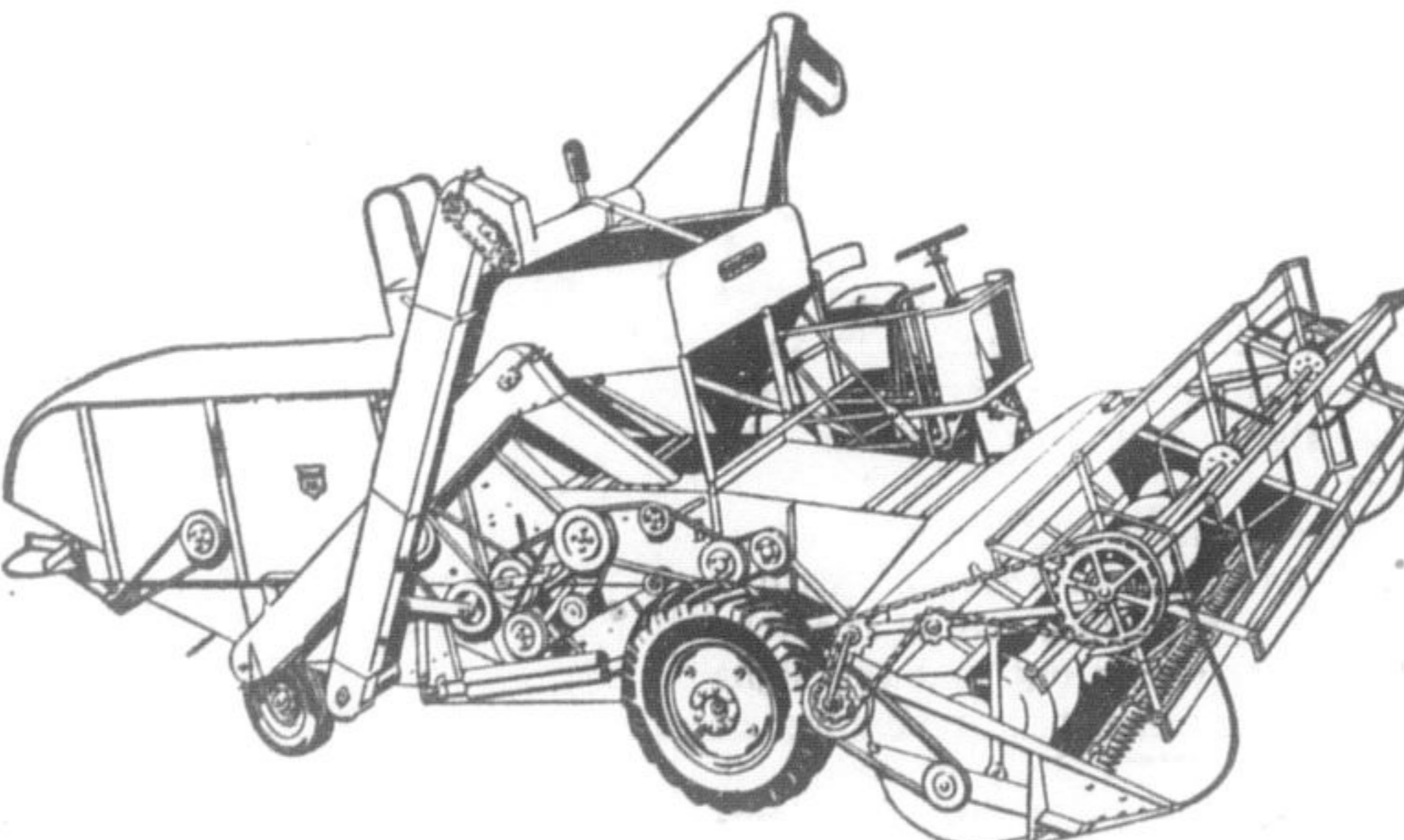
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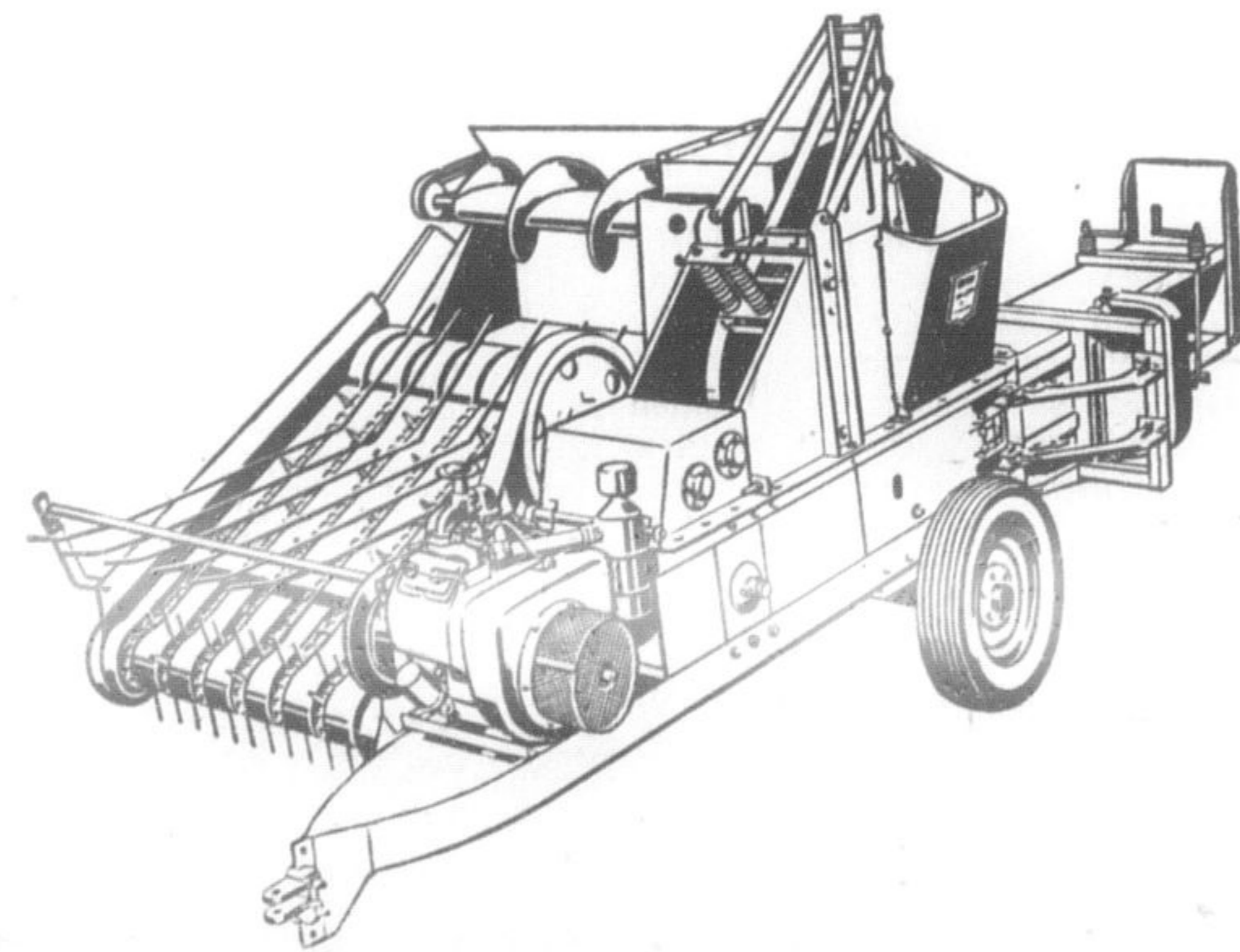
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