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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY AT PUSA, PART IV.

POWER IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY.

(Received for publication on 26th November 1928.)

Pusa is very advantageously situated for working tests with power machinery. The following are the chief branches which have been studied at this Institute:—

- (a) Steam Cultivating Tackle (Fowler's Double Engine).
- (b) Motor Tractors.
- (c) Centrifugal Pumps.
- (d) Farm Steading Machinery.

(a) Steam Cultivating Tackle.

(Plates I-V.)

The set consists of Fowler's class K, 2 Compound Single Cylinder 8 N, H, P. Steam Engines, each with a cable drum having 450 yards steel wire rope. An anti-balance plough No. 11152, one spring time cultivator No. 10672, a two-shaft concave disc harrow No. 11525 and double Crosskill rollers.

It was introduced at Pusa in the cold weather of 1913, the object being to study the economics of steam cultivation for large estates in India and to deal with the labour difficulties which arise in the carrying out of intensive cultivation of a large area.

Results of the working of this set for ten years are as follows:--

COST OF VARIOUS OPERATIONS WITH PLOWER'S STRAM TACKLE FOR 10 YEARS.

	Total work- ing days		121	145	126	131	114	112	120	87	108	86	1,157	116
	Cost per acre	Rs.	4	_	04		61	¢1	1	61	69	01	21	81
ROLLING	Work per day	Acres	22	13	23	25	21	23	24	50	28	22	232	84 85
я	Total	Acres	173	540	533	386	282	834	128	166	530	410	3,485	349
ING	Cost per ucre	Rs.	÷	N	63	es	es	77	63	23	60	8	 27	n
DISC HARROWING	Work Jer day	Acres	20	1.7	12	18	17	11	14	14	20	18	176	18
DISC	Total work	Acres	821	909	285	633	44.2	410	535	324	512	513	5,438	544
	Cost per acre	Rs.	+	-	61	63	61	61	01	61	25	21	83	61
GRUBBING	Work per day	Acres	93	12	22	61	23	21	20	18	24	255	22()	61
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-	Fuel	SH.	1,424	1,656	1,623	2,140	1,622	1,464	1,819	1,498	1,781	11,490	16,517	1,652
	Labour	Rs.	940	934	1,200	1,450	1,243	1,278	1,317	974	1,368	1,152	11,856	1,186
	Year		. 81-4101	. 91-8161	1919-20	1920-21	1921-22	1922-23	1923-24	1924-25	1925-26	1928-27		Average Rs.

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No depreciation or interest have been taken in working out these columns, but spare parts as required have been bought and charged for. The set is in excellent conditions and seems good for many years' work still.

The original costs were as follows:--

							Rs.
Engines with	steam c	ables					30,000
Disc plough a			gh.				5,759
Disc harrow							3,625
Grubber -							3,227
Zigzag harrov	7 .				,		2,255
Roller							670

There is no difficulty in keeping the set up to concert pitch by means of local labour. The steam engine with its large factor of safety is a much sounder practical proposition than a high speed motor tractor which requires continual repairs and expert attention. The implements worked with this set are shown in the illustrations. The whole of the farm area is deeply ploughed, over 10°, once in the year.

(b) Motor Tractors.

(Plates VI, VII and VIII.)

The motor tractors at Pusa are chiefly used for secondary work such as cultivating and disc harrowing. They are also employed to a certain extent for belt work. The following statements show the actual life of three makes of standard motors as they are now practically worn out. Results show that their working is very expensive owing to the heavy depreciation. Great difficulty has always been experienced in getting spare parts in India. Much delay and damage has been caused and the machines have had to be laid up frequently during busy times. Other tractors are still on trial of which the International Harvesting Company's 15-30 H. P. size seems to be very promising. The price is Rs. 4,850; the agents are Messrs. Macbeth Bros., Bombay. (Piate VI.)

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	ON THE FUSA FARM FROM THEIR DATE OF PURCHASSE TO THE END OF 1921	FARM	FROM T	HEIR DAT	re of Pu	RCHASE	TO THE	END OF	1361		
•		I mead,	Кеков	Keroseneon	PETROL	ROL	LUBRICA	LUBRICATING OIL	GREASE	WASTE	
Name of Tractor	Kind of work dor?	number of bours worked	Total consumed	Perhour	Total	Per hour	Total consumed	Per hour	Total	Tota!	Total cost of spare parts.
			Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Gallons	Ibs.	lbs.	BB.
	Cultivation	1,726	1,851	1.6	567	0-02	375	.21	20	\$.	2,058
Foldson 1919-27	Balt pulley	503	17	9.0	09	0.18	89	.18	G1	œ	
	Cultivation	700,0	2,876	1-3	130	90.00	376	.77	81	90	2,476
Austin 1920-27	Beit pulley	918	15 86 17	5	13 30	31-0	2.6	60-	30	ଖ	
Cletrac 1921-27	Cultivation	1,246	2,006	1.6	ä	60-0	989	ģ	ф ж	4	€£(1 '+

STATEMENT SHOWING SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY THE DIFFERENT TRACTORS USED ON THE PUSA FARM FROM

Statement showing summary of work done by the different Tractors used on the Pusa Farm from their date of Purchase to the end of 1927

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ING	Acres per bour		55 55 55 55	2.44
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	IIIs. Acres		Q1 (1)	Ş
TOWING	Aeres per hour	1.50	<u> </u>	ल (१) ११
DISC HARROWING	Hrs. Acres	#()7	L, may 1,29%	¥
3	Aeres per bour	0.5	91	8 (p-0)
Рьобентуе —	Hrs. Acres	4599	251 516	103
	Name of I ractor	Fordson 4	Austin . 2	Cletrac

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The implements used with the above machines are:-

Mould Board	Plou	gh		Oliver No. 7				2 furrow se.f aft.
Mould Board	Ploug	h		Ransomes' R. S. L.	D.			2 furrow self lift.
Mould Board	Ploug	;h		Ransomes' R. S. L	. D.			3 furrow self lift.
Disc Plough				Oliver D. 43A.				3 furrow self lift.
Disc Plough				Oliver D. 42.				2 furrow self lift,
Cultivator	•	•	•	Ransomes' Orwell 11 tines,. (Pla VIII, fig. 2.)		L.,	٠	8 ft. 3 in. wide.
Disc Harrow			٠	Roderic Lean. (P VIII, fig. 1.)	late			28 discs.

The 2-furrow ploughs were used with the Fordson and Austin Tracters and 3-furrows with Cletrac.

Among the ploughs, none have been found satisfactory. The Cultivator and Disc Harrow have been considered the most suitable implements for Pusa conditions.

(c) Centrifugal Pumps.

Any of the standard makes give satisfactory work especially when driven by a portable steam engine. In pumping from a river it is better to allow plenty of size in order to get all irrigation performed during day-light. One hundred and thirty acres are under irrigation here and are provided with a ten inch and an eight inch pump. Care should be taken to get low lift type pumps when the static head is under 39 ft.

POWER UNITS.

For general agricultural purposes there is nothing to beat Portable Steam Engines. They are almost fool-proof, simple to understand and easy to repair. A set suitable for general agricultural purposes is Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies' Single Cylinder Portable engine No. 8, 8 N. H. P., 10" cylinder, 12" stroke, working at 150 revolutions per minute, and when new, the steam pressure will be 120 lb., per square inch. Price, Rs. 5,000 (Plate IX).

(d) Farm Steading Machinery.

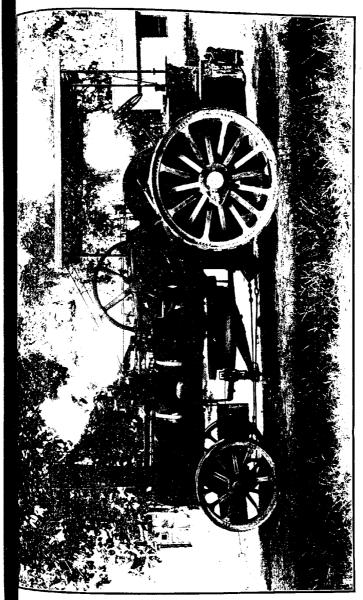
It is useful to have an oil or other engine and a driving range of shafting at the farm steading. This can be used for grinding and chaffcutting and also to drive workshop machinery. Where there is much power machinery, a small workshop is essential. The workshop should be provided with a small lathe, a drilling machine and a grinder. A small circular saw is useful and a band-saw is a great economy for all classes of wood work. A small shop of this nature and having a black-smith or two can deal with most classes of running repairs and should also be able to turn out small brass castings which are constantly in demand.

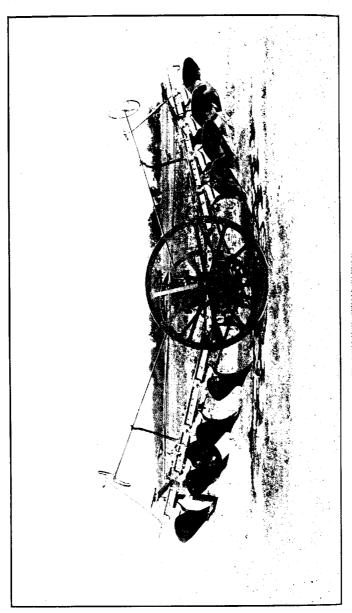


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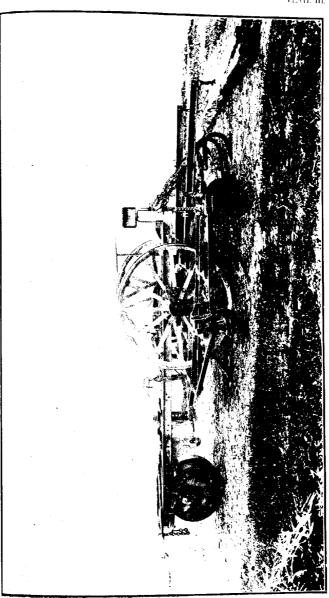
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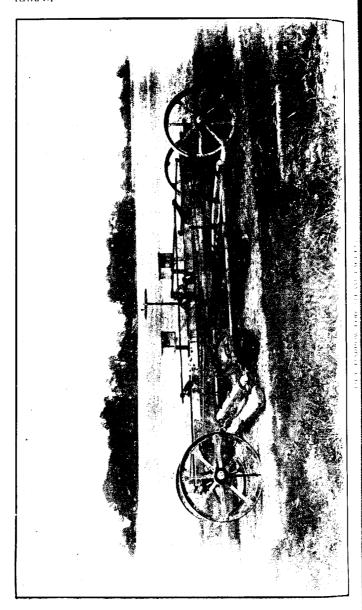




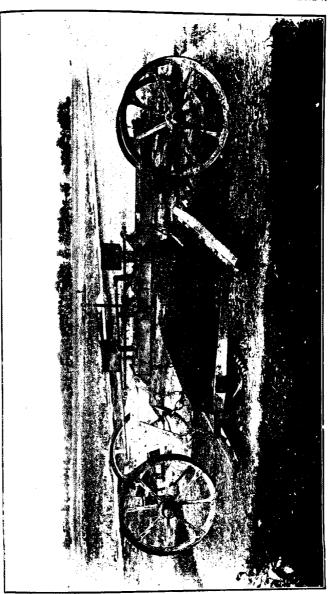
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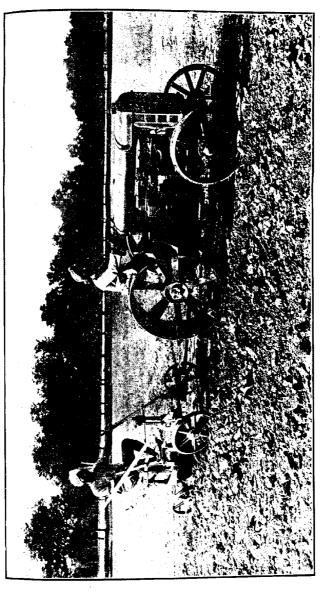
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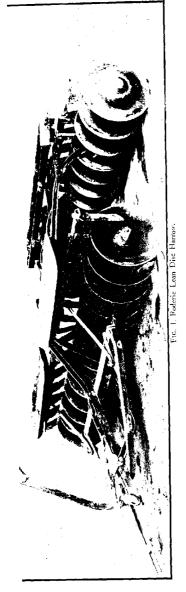
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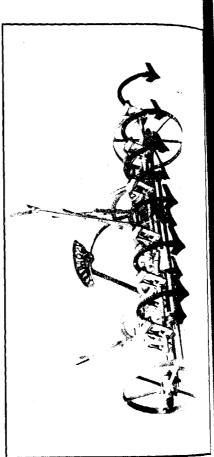


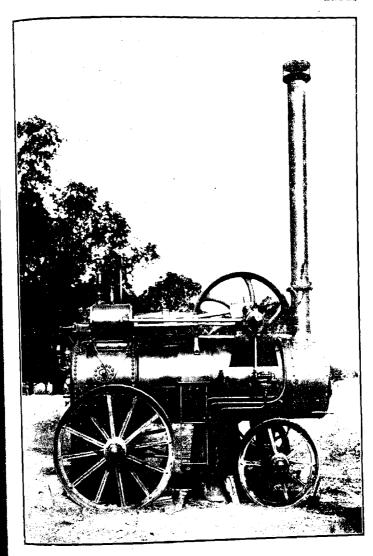
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