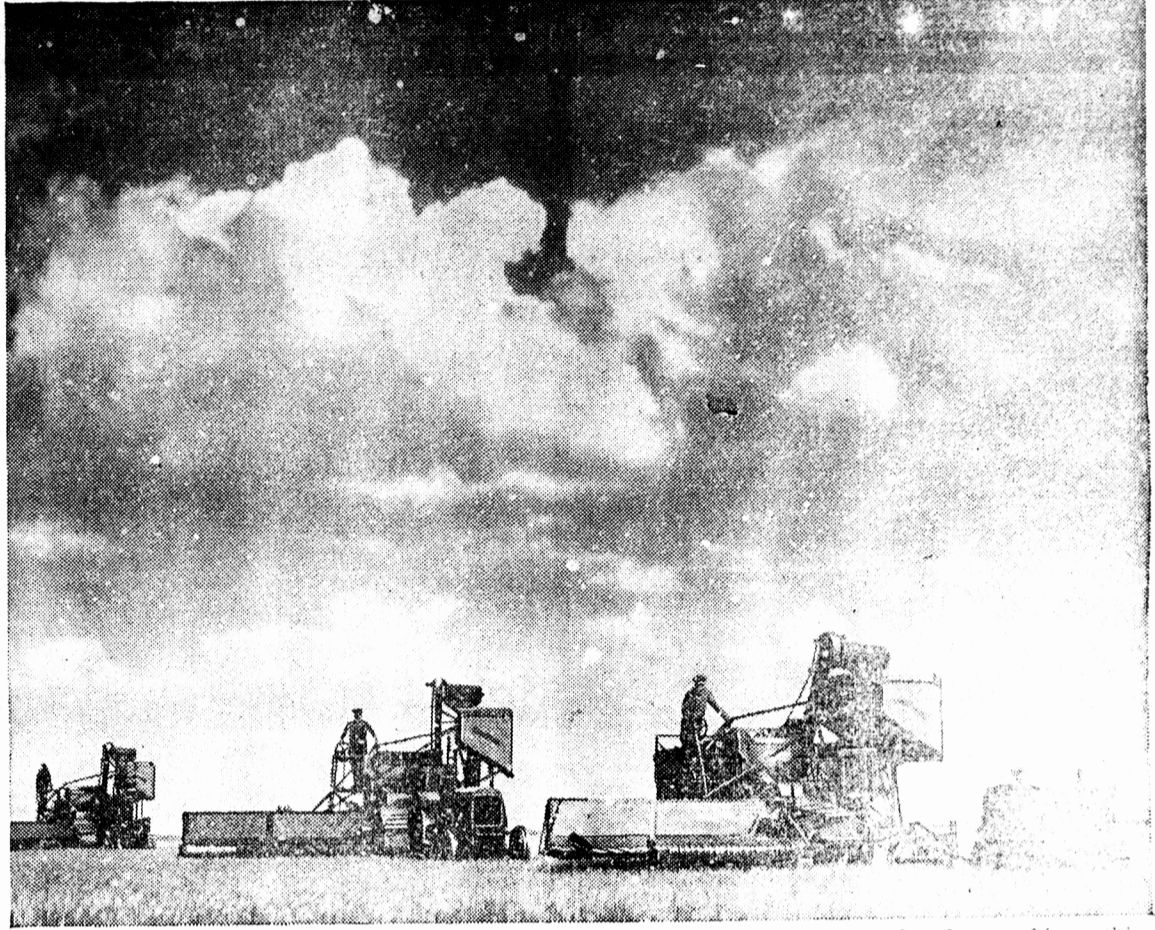


# Wheat Crop Reaches All-Time High With Yield of 615 Million Bushels



Scenes similar to this were duplicated all across the Western prairies this fall as Canadian farmers, working shorthanded, pitched in to the immense job of harvesting the greatest crop in history. The closeness of the stooks in this photo gives some idea of the yield, averaging 28 bushels per acre.



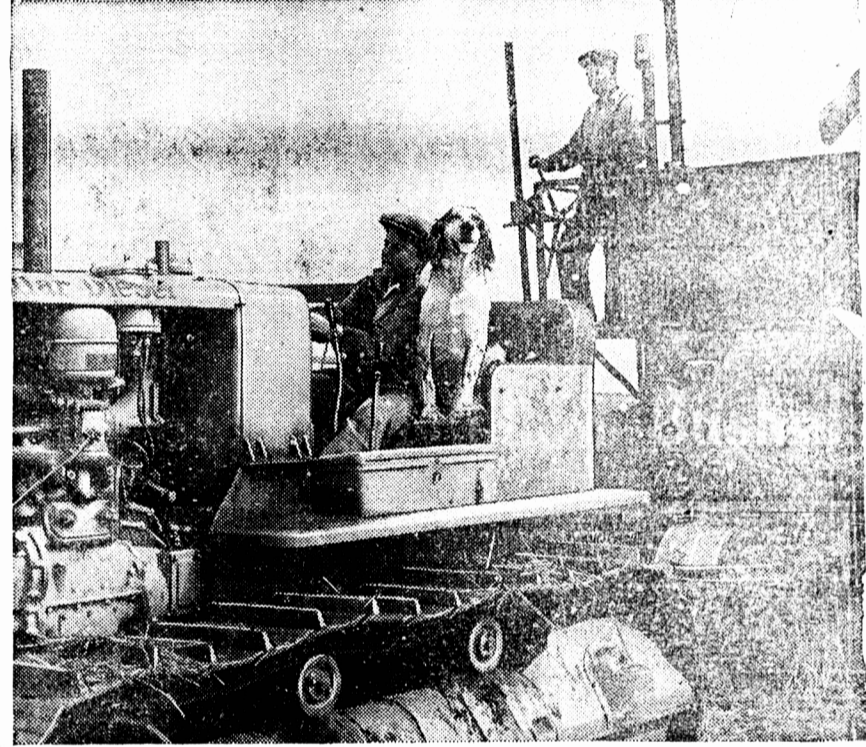
Mechanized armies also fight on the agricultural front. Drawn by tractors, three combines roll over a wheatfield. Meeting an acute shortage of manpower, farmers took full advantage of modern machinery this year by sharing equipment and helping each other in a variety of ways. Townspeople also helped with job.



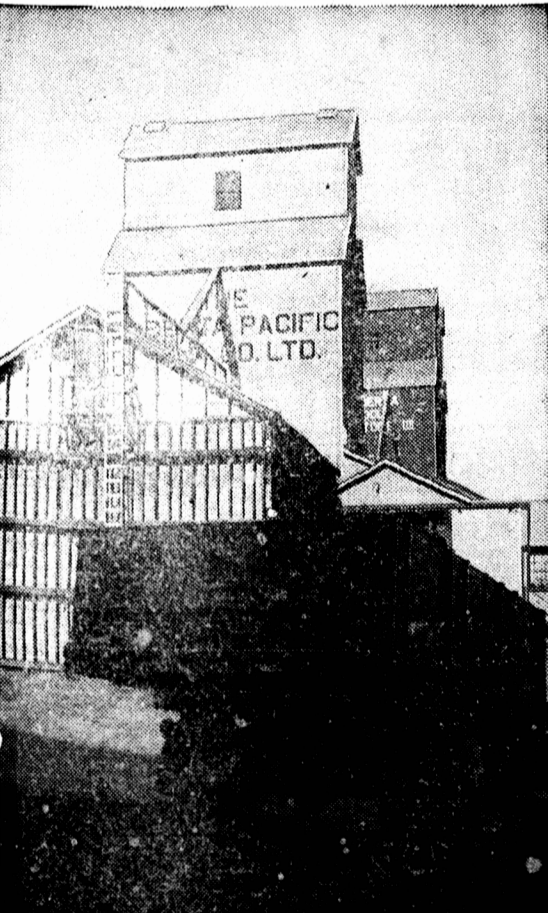
Symbolic of the way in which Canada's heterogeneous population joined hands to reap the nation's greatest harvest is the above photo, showing Harold Sharp Adze, an Indian, Norman Brumwell, a high school student, Terrio Marukami, a Japanese.



William Pinoud, veteran French Canadian harvester, was one of the thousands who contributed their sweat and brawn to the job of gathering the record "war crop".



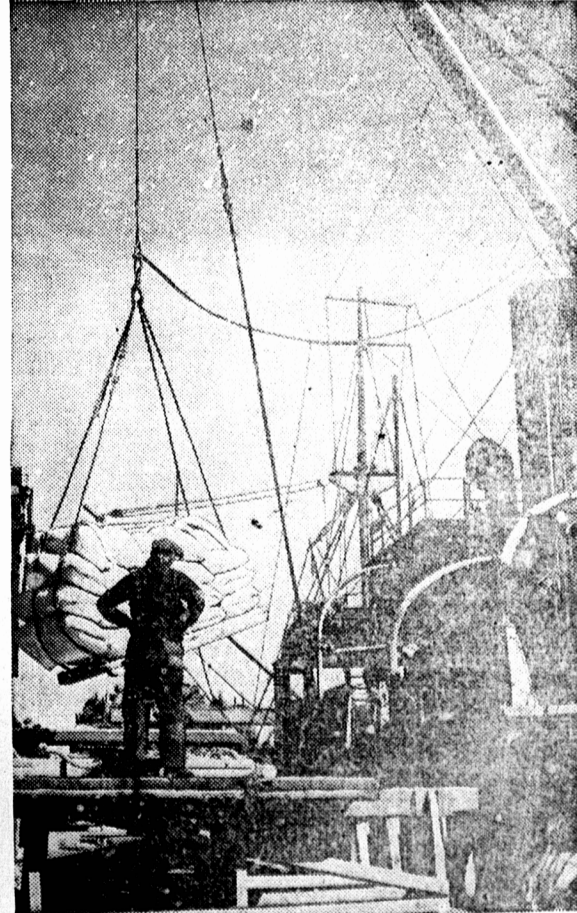
Robbed of manpower by the heavy demands of war, Canadian farmers called upon all available persons this year to help harvest the record-breaking grain crops. One of the many youngsters who helped was twelve-year-old Ike Lanier, tractor driver.



With regular storage places plugged to brim, many farmers stored grain at home or in annexes built beside elevators, such as one shown in this photo.



End of the day. Harvesting is hard work and hard workers require good food. Here you see a typical gang gathered around the dinner table. Roast beef, potatoes, corn on the cob and plenty of fresh milk provide a good enough meal for any man. The milk, besides being a healthy drink, helps conserve tea.



Vital as any other munition of war, flour and grain flow in a steady stream from Canada's ports to our allies across the seas, thanks to our sturdy farmers.

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