

THEN A SINGLE HORSE PULLING THE NEEP BARROW ALONG THE DRILLS SOWING THE NEEP SEED AT THAT TIME THEY SOWED THE SEED VERY THICK. SOME FARMERS PUT IN A HOLE FIELD OF TATTIES SOME JUST PUT IN A FEW DRILLS FOR THEIR OWN USE. IN A WEEK OR TWO YOU WOULD SEE A FEW MEN IN EACH FIELD HOWING THE THICK ROWS OF NEEPS MOVING SLOWLY ALONG THE DRILLS AS I KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN I LEFT THE SCHOOL, BUT BACK TO MY SCHOOL DAYS AN STILL WALKING UP AND DOWN THE TWO AND A HALF MILES THE NEXT GOB ON THE FARM WAS THE HAY MAKING WITH THE WEATHER GETTING BETTER, YOU WOULD SEE A PAIR OF HORSES PULLING A MOWER IN EACH HAY FIELD, THEN IN A DAY OR TWO YOU WOULD SEE ALL THE FARMERS TURNING AND GATHERING THE HAY INTO COLES TO DRY BEFORE STACKING, BY THIS TIME IT WAS AUGUST AND THE CORN WAS GROWING FIVE FEET TALL BEGINING TO TURN GOLDEN THEN IN A FEW DAYS YOU WOULD SEE THE MEN RADDIN ROADS ROUND THE CORN FIELDS THEN A NAM ON A BINDER WITH THREE HORSES GOING ROUND AND ROUND THE FIELD CUTTING DOWN THE GOLDEN CORN WITH TWO MEN COMING ON BEHIND STOOKING THE SHEAVES THIS WAS GOING ON ALL OVER THE FARMS ON THE TWO AND A HALF MILES TO SCHOOL, IT WAS A GOOD TIME OF THE YEAR IT TOOK A WEEK OR TWO TO GET THE CUTTING AND STOOKING DONE, THEN THE STOOKS WERE LEFT FOR A FEW DAYS TO DRY OUT BEFORE THE LEADING BEGAN TO BUILD THE STACKS IN THE CORN YARD THERE WERE ROWS AND ROWS OF STACKS ALL OVER THE PLACE. NOW IT WAS TIME TO LIFT THE TATTIES IT WAS TIME FOR THE TATTIES HOLIDAYS THE KIDS WERE ALL READY TO GRATHER THE TATTIES GY SAIR BACKS SOME FARMERS PAYED YOU 4 SHILLINGS A DAY SOME FARMERS PAYED YOU 6 SHILLINGS A DAY BUT YOU HAD TO WORK HARDER, AFTER THE HARVEST WAS GATHERED IN AND THE TATTIES ALL UP OUT OF THE DRILLS WITH ALL THE KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL WITH ME BACK AS WELL ON THE ROAD AGAIN IF YOU SEEN A CAR ONCE A WEEK THAT WAS FINE IF YOU SAW A LORRY ONCE IN A WHILE THAT WAS GREAT IT WAS NOW TIME FOR THE FARMERS TO START THRESHING THEIR CORN STACKS THAT WAS THE TIME I SAW THE BIG STEAM ENGINE PULLING THE THRESHING MILL UP THE ROAD ON HIS WAY TO HIS FIRST FARM AND THE DRIVER GIVING ME A WAVE AS I THOUGHT THAT WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL. NEXT MORNING AS I WAS ON MY WAY TO SCHOOL THE THRESHING MILL WAS WORKING AT CRAIGHEAD WITH THE STEAM ENGINE POURING OUT BLACK SMOKE WITH ALL THE NEIGHBOURS ABOUT 12 OR 14 FARMERS AND FARM SERVENTS WORKING VERY HARD THRESHING 8 STACKS OF CORN SHEAVES THAT WOULD MAKE 4 STACKS OF STRAW TIED IN BUNCHES WITH 100 QURTS OF CORN A QURT BEING 3 CWT ABOUT 14 TONS OF CORN IN A FEW DAYS THE MILL WOULD BE AT THE NEXT FARM AND SO ON UNTIL ALL THE THRESHING WAS FINISHED FOR ANOTHER YEAR WITH ALL THE STACKS DISAPPEARED ALL THE CATTLE THAT HAD BEEN GRAZING ALL SUMMER IN THE FIELDS UP AND DOWN THE ROAD HAVE BEEN TAKEN INSIDE FOR THE WINTER AND ME STILL WALKING UP AND DOWN THAT ROAD