TWIN CITY

YEAR: 1920

MODEL: 12-20 COUNTRY: USA – Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Co.

ENGINE: 20HP – 4 Cylinder Kero (Petrol Start)

ITEM NUMBER: 213

 DONATED BY: Mr Larry Elsegood (Purchased in 1926 & retired 1947)

Manufactured by the Minneapolis Steel & Machinery Company in the USA (starting in 1918) MS&MC did not mass produce cheaply engineered tractors affordable to the small farmer. These machines were subject to severe duty, turning over vast sections of virgin prairie, building and maintaining thousands of miles of new roads for America's rapidly developing Twentieth Century. Twin City earned a soild, global reputation through word-wide distribution and strategic dealer networks. Full service branch houses claimed their products were "Built to the work" - not to meet a nice.

One of the most significant developments in Twin City history was the release of the 12-20 in 1918. This 5,000 ib 340ct twin cam, sixteen valve, in-line engine, unit frame tractor had a fully enclosed transmission and final drive nunning in oil. This advanced machine may have been on the drawing board as early as 1916. At that time nearly all other manufacturers made tractors with open gears mounted on basic channel frames.

The engine is a Kero – Magneto - 4 cylinder, vertical valve, 4.25" Bore, 6" Stroke - 28HP @ 1,017RPM – 18.5 Drawbar HP, Pull Weight 3,400lbs, Speed 2MPH, Weight 4,000lbs, 2 forward gears – approximately 9,700 were manufactured.



