Go-Tract GT 200 steel carrier equipped with a hydraulic crane used for power line construction in Northern Ontario. The twin cab design allows for the transport of various sizes and lengths of steel.
Go-Tract GT 200 is specially adapted for the construction of high-voltage transmission towers. This vehicle is equipped with an eight-man personnel cab, a hydraulic crane of 4,800 pounds capacity at 18 feet, and two hydraulic winches of 6,000 pounds pull on the bare drum. The design incorporates the installation of an eighty-foot gin pole for transport to the job site.

This Go-Tract 200 is ideally suited to the construction of trenches and ditches. The large deck permits the transport of supplies to the job site or the vehicle can be equipped with a herbicide sprayer. The backhoe may be quickly disconnected.
Go-Tract GT 200 equipped with a pole erector and an assortment of accessories.

Go-Tract GT 200 fitted with a hydraulic crane and a forty foot boom. This crane was modified to include a hydraulically driven 30" pole hole auger on the centre section of the three section boom.
GO-TRACT VEHICLES HELP BUILD A POWER LINE

In the spring of 1966 construction of an electric power transmission line was commenced from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, to St. John's, via Grand Falls and Bay D'Espoir. The route traversed some of the most rugged country in Canada and presented a tremendous job to those responsible for the transportation of men, the material necessary for their support at remote sites and the anchors, steel work and cables necessary for the line.

Mr. Don Thomson, Vice-president of Inspiration, and the Manager of Power Construction – Mr. Corej, carefully examined the market for vehicles available which could cope with the Newfoundland bogs on one hand, and the boulder strewn areas on the other. The rugged construction and fine engineering of the Go-Tract vehicles led to the acquisition of first a GT 200 as a supply vehicle and a little later five GT 100's equipped with backhoes.

It was Inspiration Limited which first suggested that the Go-Tract vehicles equipped with backhoes would make a valuable tool for powerline construction. The vehicle can bring into the site a substantial load of stores, can dig footings, and by means of a carefully designed backhoe installation the backhoe can be taken off and replaced quickly so that the vehicle can fill a supply role.

Asked if he experienced trouble with the Go-Tract vehicles, Mr. Thomson replied - "We had trouble with everything we used but the Go-Tract vehicles stood up very well. We experienced no trouble with the structure, the power train or the suspension system. We did experience track damage, but in that terrain where the running gear was operating totally submerged and the driver could not see boulders and other obstacles beneath the dirty brown water, what could you expect? The backhoes operated perfectly, as the capacity of the pumps and governed engine speeds were correctly matched to give optimum performance and long life".

Go-Tract vehicles are not just freight carriers. They form the undercarriages, or mobile platforms for a great variety of equipment such as cranes, oil rigs, loaders and pole-erectors. They have been especially built to carry steel sections for pylons and other equipment for transmission line construction.

The Go-Tract series of general purpose tracked vehicles could be the key to mechanized line construction.

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