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The *Eliot Historical Society's* newest acquisition: A snow roller, from the farm of Karen Andersen of 118 Hanscom Road. In 1872 it was the home of Simon Emery.



Well before the age of plow trucks on our roads during winter to get rid of the snow, snow was welcomed in the winter. Why? Because transportation was by horse and cart or wagon. During the winter the wagons would don ski-like runners to make the going easier. To help with traction the “snow roller” was invented. It packed the snow down and allowed smoother travel over the roads. The more snow packed down, the better!

The snow roller was essentially a large wide wheel weighed down by bricks and/or aided by people “riding” it and then pulled by horse or oxen.

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By the mid 1800s a horse drawn plow was invented for use where there was a need for cleared roads.



And of course with the coming of the automobile there was now a need to clear the roads and so more efficient plows were invented.

