

Another Big Plow.

At the factory of the Keller Manufacturing company, Sauk Center, Minn., Wm. Marshall and son are hard at work on an experimental patent revolving shovel plow or ground pulverizer, which bids fair to surpass anything yet brought out in the way of farm machinery. It is built to cut six feet at each furrow, and has 60 blades operating on a shaft, supported by a bracket at either side of a traction engine. They propose building plows that will cut three, six, nine and twelve foot widths, and will use gasoline engines for power. The same power can be used for seeding, harvesting and threshing and the seeding can be done simultaneously with the plowing, and by the same power. The plow on which they are now working is a six-foot, but they cannot get ready to give it a fair trial until spring.

The Drummers.

The annual meeting of Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association was held in Temple Hall, Montreal on the 11th inst. A large number of members were present, and the spirit of the meeting was lively. The president, Lieut.-Col. Massey, called the meeting to order at eight o'clock. Upon the platform were a number of prominent members, including the past presidents and the directors of the Association. Mr. Wadsworth, the secretary, read the annual report. It showed that during the past year \$7,064.81 had been added to the capital account. There had been an increase in membership of 116, making a total of 2,030. The deaths during the year numbered 24, against 26 in 1894. The funds of the Association which have been invested make a total of \$187,650. Of this amount \$116,500 is invested in real estate mortgages and \$21,500 in bonds. The directors recommended that the sum of \$500 be placed at the disposal of the Benevolent Fund annually for the relief of distress, it being found that the voluntary subscriptions were insufficient for its support. The treasurer's statement showed the total receipts on revenue account to be \$33,706.95, and the expenditure on revenue account \$26,522.81. George Sumner, R. Henderson, George Bolton, D. Watson and Charles Gurd were elected trustees of the educational fund for the ensuing year. Several amendments to the by-laws, proposed by Mr. Tucker, Mr. Watson, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Piche, were read and adopted. That by Mr. Piche provides that five out of the ten directors shall be elected at each annual meeting, and that the retiring president shall be a director on the board during his successor's term of office. A by-law introduced by Mr. Paton was also carried, providing for a benevolent fund to assist members sick or in misfortune. The election of officers resulted in Mr. Max Murdock being elected to the vice-presidency by 375 votes against Mr. R. G. Stokes' 466. Lieut.-Col. Massey had already been re-elected president, and Fred Birks, treasurer. The directors elected were: E. B. Garneau, Quebec, 683; Paton, 617; Wm. Brewster, 593; David Watson, jr., 565. The next on the list, J. T. Le Sueur, who had 493 votes, will be appointed later by the board of directors, in accordance with the amended by-law. The annual dinner of the association was given at the Windsor Hotel on Monday evening, December 23. The railways issued to commercial travellers, from December 20 to 25 inclusive, return tickets at single fare, good to return up to the 7th of January.

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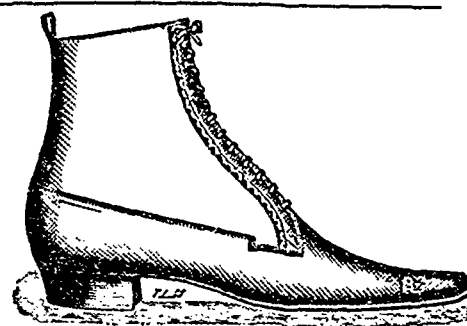
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