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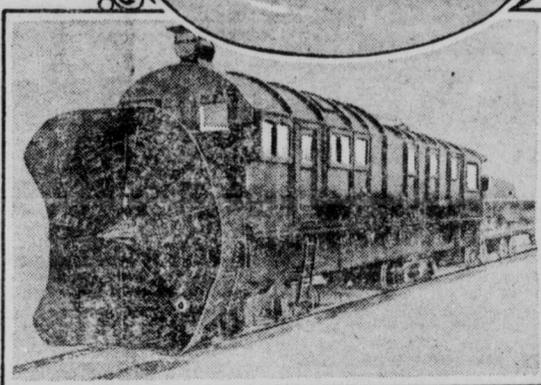
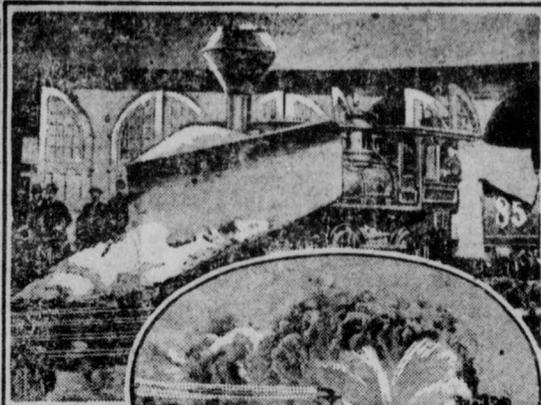
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Saturday Night, Nov. 22

Fighting the Storm



Above—One of the first engine plows. Centre—A push plow in action.
Below—One of the Canadian Pacific rotary plows, of latest design.

IN certain portions of Canada and the United States, the successful and regular movement of trains during the winter months often depends upon the use of special equipment, the purpose of which is to remove snow and ice from the tracks, and from the direct right of way. As a matter of fact, no railroad in Canada or in the northern parts of the United States could hope to operate without a complement of snow-fighting equipment.

In a study of snow-fighting equipment it is interesting to note that its development is very largely due to Canadians and to Canadian railways, although snow conditions in Canada are no more severe than those met with on roads passing over the Rocky or Cascade Mountains in the United States, or through the border States. The principal types of snow-fighting equipment may be generally classified as engine and pilot plows, which are attached to the engine front or pilot, push plows, self-contained units mounted on trucks and pushed by a locomotive, wing plows, spreader plows, machine plows which includes the rotary machine, flangers, ice cutters and snow sweepers.

As far as can be ascertained, the first snow plow ever built was of the push plow type. As this plow derailed frequently, an endeavor was made to take advantage of the weight of the locomotive, and thus the engine plow was evolved.

The present rotary plow used on roads, which have to fight deep drifts, snow slides or other conditions beyond the capacity of push plows, is the most effective instrument that has been developed for that purpose. These plows can work their way through deep cuts and slides where it would be impossible for any other type of plow to lift the snow and, in addition, can throw the snow clear of the track. Seen in action, these plows present a rather picturesque appearance when viewed from the front. The rotary plow, as now used, is a development of a revolving snow shovel, patented in 1869 by Mr. J. W. Elliott, a dentist, of Toronto, Ont. This elementary device was modified by Orange Jull, of Orangeville, Ontario, and the Jull rotary was taken up by the Leslie Brothers, also of Orangeville, who constructed a full-sized model which was tried out in the Parkdale yards of the Canadian Pacific in 1884. The success of this trial led the Leslie Brothers to have made for them a complete plow which was tried out by the Union Pacific Railroad during the winter of 1886-87. This plow was the forerunner of the modern rotary.

For many years the Canadian Pacific Railway has constructed its plows of steel. It was the first railway to build and use an all-steel plow, and the service given by this type has been mainly responsible for the all-year communication between eastern and western Canada, the heavy snow falls experienced at times, particularly in Ontario and through the Rockies, being now no impediment to traffic.

Public School Bazaar

The pupils of the Public school will hold a bazaar in the school on Friday, December 12th. Many useful and novel articles have been prepared by the pupils of the sewing, manual training and weaving classes. The proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of sports equipment and like interests of the pupils. A fuller announcement later.

Young Peoples' League

The Young Peoples' League of the Methodist church will meet next Wednesday evening the 26th instead of Tuesday. The meeting will be under the Literary and Social Department. A special program will be presented consisting in the main of a Lantern lecture on "Thunder and Lightning" by Mr. J. R. Gibbs, of Grimsby, and violin selections by Miss Metcalfe, of Grimsby, accompanied by Mrs. Gibbs. Refreshments will be served.

Locals

Miss Grace Alton, of Oakville, spent the week end at her home here.

The Poultry Association are holding another dance in the Hall on Friday night the 28th.

Mrs. Beale, Sr., and Mr. Elmer Beale, of Brantford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. Hemingway.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sheppard and daughter of Burlington, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hemingway on Sunday last.

The children of the Methodist Sunday School are busy preparing for their Christmas entertainment which is to be held on Christmas Eve.

Messrs. Carter and Green have a number of their silver black foxes on exhibition at the Toronto Winter Fair which is being at Toronto this week.

Dr. Irwin will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday. In the morning the subject will be "Sowing in our own land", and in the evening "The World's quest for a sane International life."

Hockey Pictorial

The editor has received a copy of the Hockey Pictorial which has just been published, and which is at once the handsomest and most complete publication ever produced in the world for any single sport. It is impossible to speak too highly of it. From cover to cover it is embellished with group pictures of championship teams from 1888 to 1924, in fact the history of Canada's Great National Winter Sport is told in pictures. The book is not only lavishly illustrated, but is literally crammed with much interesting information regarding individuals, clubs and leagues throughout the country. Local hockey fans will find a very interesting group picture of the Canadian Olympic Hockey Champions of 1924 and also a complete history of the players and records right to the finals.

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