



**I**N 1864 the Massey works in Newcastle were entirely destroyed by fire and with them the year's supply of finished machines together with materials, patterns and records. The recovery from this disaster, however, through the energy and courage of the proprietors, was rapid. Three years later, the Company was ordered by the Canadian Government to represent Canadian manufacturers at the Paris Exposition of 1867, and won the highest gold medal award for their reaper and mower. In 1869 the "Ithaca" steel rake was produced at the Massey works, the first automatic dump horse-rake to be built in North America.

Early  
Successes

In 1874 the firm placed on the market "Sharp's" horse-rake—one of the successes of the time, and two years later, took out the first Canadian patent for a self-binder. In 1878 the Company introduced the Massey harvester.

In 1870 the business was incorporated as the Massey Manufacturing Company, with a capital of \$50,000. Mr. Hart Massey continued as president of the firm, with his eldest son, Charles Albert, as vice-president and manager. During the next fourteen years, however, the former was absent from the business for most of the time through temporary ill-health, and during this period his son, although but a young man of

Incorporation