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TO its patrons and friends MASSEY'S ILLUSTRATED extends COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, wishing them a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

OUR Annual Catalogue is to appear next February and will contain fully illustrated descriptions of every machine we manufacture, together with a multitude of testimonials. Send us your address and you will receive a copy by mail.

THE Toronto Light Binder now stands at the head and front, having won a reputation and success during the past season, that are unexcelled. It is a machine whereof inventor, maker, salesman and purchaser are alike proud. Turn to the last pages of this issue for information in regard to its merits.

THE attention of the reader is directed to the diagrams and description of our immense works and splendid new offices, on pages 2, 3, 4 and 5. Very accurate representations of the ground plan of the entire premises, and the various floor plans are there given, and will be found so plainly delineated and so well lettered as to be easily understood.

THE former editor of the ILLUSTRATED has not been fired out, as some may infer from his sudden retreat. Oh, no! Nor has advanced age necessitated his retirement. We would not for one moment have our readers suppose him to be as old as some of the jokes his journalistic genius may previously have inserted in the columns of this paper. That would be a grievous mistake. He retires to assume duties of a more serious nature—to fill a position that demands the services of just such a dignified personage as our learned bachelor friend. Notwithstanding his active labors in other lines of the business the ex-editor will still scrawl a casual paragraph for our paper.

Threshers, Plows, Harrows and Seeders.

In addition to Harvesting Machinery our Manitoba agency now carries a line of the above named Agricultural Implements for the North-West trade. Great pains have been taken to select the best make of each particular implement and at the same time to choose those best adapted and most applicable to Western farming, and we feel well assured this result has been attained. Our patrons will doubtless be pleased to learn of this new departure, since they well know that machines offered for sale by us may be depended upon as being of the highest class. The extra list will comprise both team and horse power threshers, plows, harrows and seeders. Want of space will not permit of further mention here. The above refers to the North-West trade only.

Our New Editor.

This is a day of new things, new methods, new notions, new machines, new ideas, and new everything, so MASSEY'S ILLUSTRATED must have a new editor. Yes, a bran-new editor, polished, educated, youthful, energetic, reliable and independent. An enterprising journal such as MASSEY'S ILLUSTRATED must have the best it can command, so new material is added to its force, and its editorial staff made stronger than ever. The retiring editor can scarcely be called superannuated, as he has only had charge of the paper for two years and a half, but he is obliged to make way for youth, ambition and scholarship. He will be continued as a member of the editorial staff, and allowed to write a line occasionally, but the responsibilities of editorship are no longer his. Meanwhile, the retiring scribe would offer thanks to all who have kindly borne with his infirmities, and further add that his whole attention will be given in other lines of the business represented by the ILLUSTRATED. Any communications not heretofore published will be handed over to our successor for consideration.

It will now fall in place to introduce the new editor to the readers of the ILLUSTRATED. He is a very nice young man, very young, good-looking, tall, and wears a meek little moustache. He knows something, having been at school in Boston,—has recently been beyond the sea and visited London, Paris, Geneva, Hamburg, and other points in Switzerland and Germany. He brings to bear all the benefit of his varied though brief experience, and enters upon his labors with great energy. He has acquired some knowledge of classics, science, music, mechanics and language. He can knock a man down in German, and knows enough French to save a fellow from drowning. Editors are a queer folk, and the new one is not unlike other brethren of his class. He has just enough cheek to make him a fit representative of the fraternity, and slashes away with his pen like a wood-chopper. We sympathize with him, though, at times when we think of him sitting with his feet on the desk and his slender fingers run through his flowing locks, with a long face and pensive air, waiting for inspiration. It is to be presumed, however, that the young editor will exhibit a large acquaintance with scissors and paste, and the genius of his fertile brain will be liberally supplemented by selections from other minds. There will doubtless appear a joke now and then in the columns of the paper, the point of which the average mind may fail to comprehend, but explanation will be given by communication with Prof. Scrub, Editor MASSEY'S ILLUSTRATED, Toronto.

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A One-Horse Mower.

We are now building a One-Horse Machine, which is similar in construction to our celebrated Two-Horse Massey Mower, having all its points of excellence but greatly reduced in weight and size, there being also a diminution in draught and width of cut. Its weight is about 400 pounds and it cuts a swath of three feet six inches. The aim has been to produce a mower so light and easy of draught as to be fully within the capacity of any ordinary farm horse. We are assured no lighter One-Horse Mower was ever placed on sale. The quality of its work will in no respect be found inferior to that of the Two-Horse Machine, it being simply a smaller model.

We regret being unable to present an illustration of this machine, but hope to do so in our next issue.

Our Head Agencies.

Throughout Manitoba and the North-West Territory, we have a large number of agencies located at convenient points, where all Harvesting Machinery of our make, also other Agricultural Implements, Binding Twine, and duplicate parts of machines are kept in stock, these agencies being under the supervision and management of our

Western Branch House:

27, 29 and 31 King Street,

WINNIPEG, MAN.

T. J. McBride, Manager.

Quebec Branch:

103 and 108 Common Street,

MONTREAL, QUE.

Jas. H. Sharp, Shipping Agent.

Eastern Branch:

ST. JOHN. NEW BRUNSWICK.

Tippet, Burditt & Co.

LETTER from the NORTH-WEST.

A Country with a mighty future.

The "Massey" Machines recognized everywhere as "Standard and Reliable."

The Toronto Light Binder right "on top."

H. A. MASSEY, ESQ.,

Pres. The Massey Mfg. Co., Toronto:

DEAR SIR,—I had indulged in the hope that you would find time to visit the North-West this fall, but your letter assures me that pressure of business will not permit at present, and requests an opinion of the present state of the country and the agricultural interests with which your Company is so largely identified. Well, sir, the task, if properly complied with, would not be a small one. True, I have spent four summers in the country, and have been brought into daily contact with all grades and classes of settlers from Keewatin to the Rocky Mountains and from the International Boundary to the mighty Saskatchewan; but you are aware that in a new country like this, circumstances are so varied and opinions so diversified, that it is somewhat difficult to draw reliable lines, and so much has been written and said about Manitoba and the North-West, that the most careful observers find it necessary to be very guarded. This letter must necessarily be very brief, and only touch upon a few minor points, leaving a description of the country, its wood, coal, modes of farming, quality of soil, minerals, railroads, grain elevators, cities, towns, villages, waterways, etc., for future consideration, and I may now sum all up by saying that the country's future is unquestionably bright, but years must elapse before its inhabitants enjoy all the advantages presented in the older Provinces.

As a rule our settlers are very superior, but over expectant, too ambitious, and trying to do too much with limited means. The careful, patient plodding which insured the ultimate success of the primitive settlers in the East seems, in a large measure, lost sight of. It is only a question of time when mixed farming will be more general, and every farmer will have sufficient under cultivation to admit of cropping two-thirds, and allowing the balance to rest every other year. This would give ample time to summer fallow during the slack season, and prepare for early seeding the following spring, one-third or probably more of their entire acreage, leaving plenty of time for turning stubble, threshing, marketing, etc., during the fall.

The country presents a marked improvement as regards dwellings, granaries and out-buildings, but we hope to see implements cared for better; however, the Toronto Mowers, Sharp's Rakes and Toronto Binders don't seem much affected by the winter's frost and summer's sun. Only a small portion of the grain was frozen last year, and in most instances may be attributed to late seeding, too much to harvest, etc., and unfortunately in many cases all was stacked and mixed together when threshed, making the sample faulty. The same trouble will doubtless arise in some localities this year, for which the country is not to blame. Very few single Reapers will be sold in the North-West in 1885, but we could dispose of more than our proportion of your 2,300 Binders, 4,500 Mowers, and 4,000 Rakes, but I am of opinion that it is not advisable to push the trade beyond that of last year, or say, from \$175,000 to \$200,000, especially when you have experienced difficulty in supplying the demand in the older Provinces during the past sixteen consecutive years. It is not necessary to say one word in reference to the Toronto and Massey Mowers and the Sharp's Rakes—we supply the Government and the Hudson's Bay Company with them, and they are recognized everywhere as "standard and reliable." The new Toronto Light Binder with bevel gear, steel shafting, swing reel, malleable castings and Sheaf Carrier, stands on top in the North-West, and is more prized by those who value precious time and genuine worth than any other make of Binder. You are aware that collections have been slow, but with another bountiful harvest we hope for and expect prompt payments. Our soil is remarkably fertile, and considering the small capital invested or necessary in procuring a farm, contrasted with Ontario, and the enormous yield per acre, and ease of bringing under cultivation all kinds of roots and cereals that can be grown with profit, I must say, if desirous of leading the independent life of a farmer, and not possessed of a good farm in the East, I would certainly locate in Manitoba.

Respectfully yours,

T. J. MCBRIDE.