

to the prairies despite the competition of American firms with a geographical advantage. In 1879, A. Harris Son, & Co. opened a distributing branch of their business in Winnipeg, then in its first "boom." The late Sir Lyman Jones and the late J. H. Housser were respectively manager and secretary of the Western Branch of the Harris Company in 1882. In 1883, the firm opened up business in Prince Albert when the only communication was by boat from Selkirk. In 1884 the Canadian Pacific reached as far west as Troy—now Qu'Appelle—and Harris machines were then shipped from there to Prince Albert, 300 miles, in Red River carts. In that year the first self-binder that ever worked in the Canadian West—a Harris machine—was tested on a farm near Edmonton.

Mr. Alanson Harris remained at the head of the Harris Company until 1881, when he was succeeded by his son, Mr. John Harris. After the death of the latter, in 1887, his father again became president, which office he occupied until the amalgamation with the Massey firm.

