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VETERANS.

THIRD on the list comes Mr. Richard Davy, who, we believe, has worked a greater number of days for The Massey Manufacturing Company and its founders than any other man in its employ. Mr. Davy was born in Cornwall County, England, March 21st, 1822, and is consequently 63 years of age. His father was a farmer. Was married at Waterloo, England, in December, 1845. Four years thereafter he emigrated to Canada with his wife and child, the latter of whom died shortly after his arrival at Newcastle. His remembrances of the ocean voyage are still vivid. The vessel on which he took passage at Pads-

tow, was named the *Belle*, Captain Basson, and the time made by her across the Atlantic was exactly six weeks and three days. The passengers were about seventy in number, and during a storm of two days and two nights the sickness was calculated to cause Mark Tapley, had he been on board, to "come out" in the strongest possible manner. However they landed safely at Quebec, and came on to Montreal by steamer *City of Quebec*. They arrived at Toronto by the *City of Toronto*, and remained about two weeks. Having relatives at Cobourg he took the boat for that point. These were the days of the old *Admiral* and the *Princess Royal*, and opposition steamboating, and the fare at that time from Toronto to Cobourg was one York shilling. Mr. Davy can recall no instance during his life where he obtained such full value for his money as on this trip. These were also the days of the four horse coaches, country inns and swaggering drivers with their tin horns and eight miles an hour. "Times were better then," says Mr. Davy, "than they are now. Of course wages were low, but the means of living were low in proportion. Good beef could be bought for 3d. or 4d. a pound; veal, 2d. 2½d; mutton about the same; geese, 1/3 each; turkeys, 2/6 or 3/; bread, three large loaves for a quarter; potatoes, 1/ a bush.; wood, 5/ to 6/3 per cord in the country, and everything in like proportion. O, the old days, the good old days!" Mr. Davy, thinks he got full value for his York shilling, although he stopped short of his intended destination, and left the boat at Newcastle. Finding employment there with Mr. Chas. Allen, a cabinet maker, he remained with him a few months, and during that time completed a piece of very fine work which took the first prize at the Provincial Exhibition, held that year in Cobourg. On leaving Allen he went into housebuilding on his own account, and several houses yet standing in and about Newcastle bear the marks of his hand. They were not the "balloons" of these later days when whole blocks fall down if incautiously leant up against, burying their occupants amid their flimsy ruins, and landing their builders (in one case at least) where they