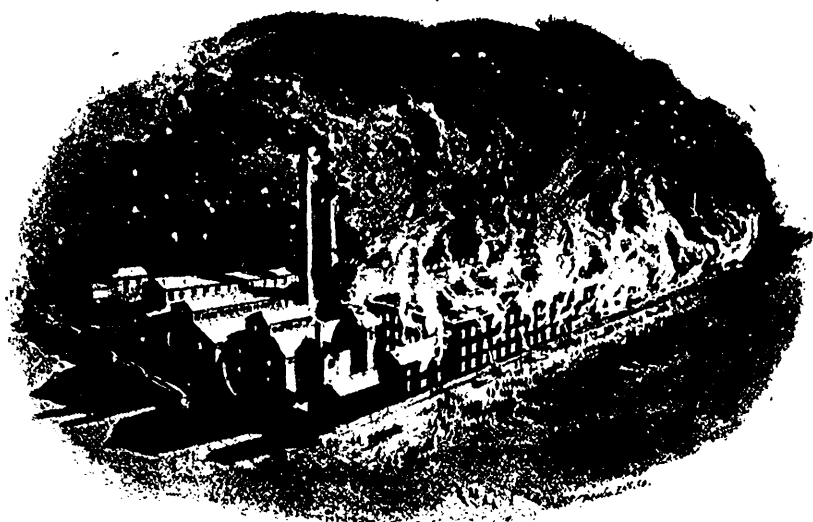




WORKS OF VERITY PLOW CO., LIMITED, BRANTFORD, ON THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 26TH, 1897.

ed degree the qualities and the ability to seize opportunities which others let slip, and which caused him to succeed where others failed. His quickness of judgment and perception, power of will and capacity for endurance formed a combination of qualities which led to his becoming one of the leading manufacturers in the Dominion. These qualities were largely due to heredity. When Mr. Massey first saw the light, idleness was looked upon as the mother of guilt, and his father, the late Mr. Daniel Massey, being an extensive farmer, found plenty of work for the boy to perform. He early threw his son on his own resources, thus instilling in him that strength of character which was afterwards one of his chief characteristics.

When a boy he went to the backwoods school-house; at fifteen he had got into the Upper Canada Academy; at seventeen he went to Waterdown, and at twenty-one he was at Victoria College, his vacations being spent on the farm or in the lumber woods, for it is

worthy of note that Daniel Massey did nothing for his son which the boy could do for himself. During the year he spent in Upper Canada Academy young Mr. Massey paid for his board by cutting wood, and at a later period at the college paid his own expenses out of the proceeds of cutting and drawing cordwood. Daniel Massey was both able and willing to pay, but the boy desired to stand on his own resources, and the father did wisely in letting him, and encouraging him to do so. His father used to say to him, "My boy, you are very dear to me, but I cannot make character, I can only set an example," and, continued the speaker, if our children are to be self-reliant when they reach manhood and womanhood they must learn in childhood to bear their own burdens.

Mr. Massey, in great part, became his own executor in the administration of his large estate. His benefactions were on a liberal and comprehensive scale. They were designed to accomplish the greatest good for the greatest num-