

A GREAT CANADIAN INDUSTRY.



It is very gratifying to our patriotic pride to know that we have here in Canada the largest implement manufacturing concern operating under the flag of Great Britain, namely, the Massey-Harris Company. This great industry, employing in its various departments 2,000 men, is a growth, an evolution from very small beginnings.

When, in 1847, Daniel Massey purchased the little foundry at Bondhead, Newcastle, Ont., and began the manufacture of ploughs and farm utensils, he probably little dreamed of what the Canadian implement industry was destined to become.

In 1851, Hart A. Massey, a son of Daniel, joined his father in the business, and shortly afterwards became sole proprietor, Mr. Daniel Massey retiring. Mr. H. A. Massey decided to go into the manufacture of implements more extensively, and in 1852 he made and sold two hundred Ketchum mowers—the first mowing machine

built in Canada. Changes and improvements were made in rapid succession, and other and better styles of mowing machines were soon introduced. The first reaper from the Massey shops was known as the Burrell, turned out in 1852.

Ever on the alert for the latest and best, with his wonderful store of energy and great business sagacity, never knowing discouragement, it is not surprising that Hart A. Massey became a leader in the manufacture of farm implements and the head of the industry in Canada.

Mr. Alanson Harris and his son John began the implement business at Beamsville in 1864, and the company organized, as the outcome of the growth of their enterprise upon removal to Brantford, did much towards building up and extending Canada's reputation as a producer of farm labour-saving machinery.

The institutions built up by the Messrs. Massey, Harris, Patterson and Wisner have done much toward the progress and development of agriculture in the Dominion of Canada, and since their amalgamation have brought out great improvements and extended the industry to the remotest parts of the globe.

Among the places of interest visited by the members of the British Association, during its recent meeting at Toronto, were the Massey-Harris works. The visitors included a member of the staff of the London Daily News, one of the great journals of the world. The attention devoted by The Daily News to its representative's visit to the Massey-Harris establishment is evidence of the keen interest that is being taken in the