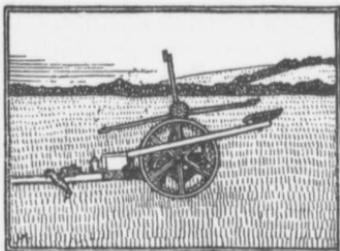


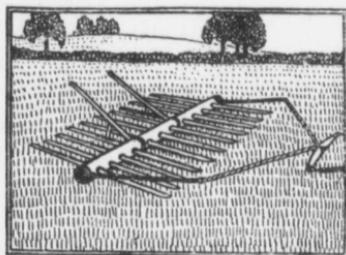
Brantford, then a thriving town of about 8,000 people. The Harris works soon became the biggest industry in a small city which has since become famous as a manufacturing centre. The business was so extended here that it was found advisable to drop some of the old articles, and to concentrate upon the two most important machines, the reaper and the mower.



The Kirby Mower

Popular interest centres in the reaper. This latter, as made by the Harris firm, followed closely the evolution of the Massey in Newcastle and both of them were contemporaneous in development with machines made by similar firms in the United States. The Harris hand-rake reaper was the "Kirby," first made at Beamsville and improved at Brantford. In its day it is doubtful if at the time a better machine reaper than the "Kirby"—or more than one or two as good—were made anywhere in America—which was by this time the world's headquarters for harvesting machinery.

The Kirby  
Reaper



A Revolving Rake

The demand for self-rake reapers in Canada came at first wholly from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. But even before the first transcontinental railway had traversed the new West, A. Harris, Son & Co. had found their way

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