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To all our readers and patrons we wish a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We extend a cordial invitation to the farming community to visit our establishment, we will take pleasure in showing them through the extensive workshops.

Now is the time to look ahead and plan for the harvest of '84. Get your machines early and have everything in readiness.

Do not fail to read the description (page 12) of our extensive factory, which already very large, has been greatly extended during the past year.

MASSEY'S ILLUSTRATED sends cordial greetings to His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, our new Governor-General, with the hope that his stay in Canada may be eminently satisfactory to himself and the people.

Tally one more for Sharp's Horse Rake—First Prize over Five Competitors awarded it at the Great Dominion and Centennial Exhibition recently held at St. John, New Brunswick.

The Massey Manufacturing Company have entered upon the Fifth year of their operations in Toronto, the Fourteenth of their incorporation, and the Thirty-Seventh since the establishment of the business.

We draw attention to the descriptive articles on our machines. Do not think of purchasing without a careful perusal, and a thorough examination into the merits claimed.

Notice the running gear on the Toronto Binder—at the Toronto Fair it was driven by a fish line, it runs so easily. Good as this machine has been in the past it will be better than ever next season.

Did you see the new "Knotter" at work separately, tying knots for the multitude at the Massey Exhibit, Industrial Exhibition? Great attention was attracted. The knots flew off like hot cakes. A hard "knot" for our competitors. Remember the knotter on the Massey and Toronto Binders.

One of the events of the age is the arrangement of the "Standard time," an achievement which this generation may well be proud of. We suppose our rural friends, who are not so tied to exact time, have not noticed the change like the town and city folks, who are not guided in their daily pursuits by the sunrises and sunsets but must move promptly to the minute. The advantages of standard time are great—the time is uniform all over the country, all one is required to do in travelling is to add or subtract an hour each time he passes into another section.

## THE PAST.

By the heading of these lines we do not mean the history of the world from the beginning until now, nor a sketch of all the manners, customs and laws of the Anglo-Saxon race that have gone out of use, nor that we have been kicked by a mule and ask the sympathy of our readers; but we refer to the record of 1883, and briefly to that of the Massey Manufacturing Co.

We think we may say commercially the year has been one of fair prosperity, though agriculturally not one of general success, still not such as to be called altogether a bad year, and nationally it has been one of healthy growth. Taking the world over, 1883 will be long remembered as perhaps the most remarkable in history in its record of disasters—human life has vanished like a dream, and still the busy world has moved along seeming to forget the multitudes that have fallen in the race. May the annals of time never show in one year a similar record of human devastation.

Canadians will remember 1883 as one of rapid development in agriculture in the great North-West, consequent upon the extensive immigration from the mother countries, and the energies of those removing from the older provinces.

In Canada the production of agricultural implements has been far beyond that of any preceding year, and more than ever the farming interests are recognized. As for the Massey Manufacturing Company, it is what our readers will expect when we say that the production of this Company in 1883 was *far in advance* of any previous year. The Mower and the Reaper, the Self-Binder and the Horse Rake have gone out by car-loads to different sections of this great Dominion, adding thousands to the long list of those who delight in giving praise to the Massey machines.

Not only in the manufacture of machines have we been busy, but before the summer's sun, work was begun on the new buildings, which are now nearing completion (a description of which will be found in another part of this paper), so that with these extensions, embracing new workshops, new store-houses, new oil-house, new offices, and also new engines, new boilers, new elevators and new machinery, more than ever the verdict will be that the most extensive, most complete and best-equipped factory for the manufacture of agricultural implements in Canada is that of the Massey Manufacturing Company.

## THE PRESENT.

What is going on now is what concerns us all the most, but the flight of time is so rapid that the past, present and future become strangely intermingled. Now is the time when, actuated by the past, we busy ourselves with our plans lest the future overtake us and find us with our tasks unperformed.

Though the Present is of such priceless value to us, still we so often ruthlessly slight its claims and powers as to regret its neglects as it passes into the future. The wise farmer occupies these winter months in a thoughtful preparatory manner so that when the spring-time comes he will not regret the neglect of that which should have been done months ago. The careful husbandman does not let his cattle run at large all winter merely picking what they can from a straw stack, and expect to reap a good price from them in the spring market, nor does he allow things to go to rack in general as though there was nothing to do in the winter. Again, neither does he keep his boys out of the school three-fourths of the time and altogether after they are sixteen years of age, and expect them to grow up intelligent farmers. No, the considerate tiller of the soil is mindful of the demands of the present—he does not allow his wagons and farm implements to remain out of repair until the moment he needs them, and he does not wait till he gets into the hay field before he examines his mower to see if it needs any repairs.

The manufacturer has urgent duties for the present as well, and any one calling at the corner of King and Massey Streets, Toronto, will see a scene of activity on every hand. The Massey Manufacturing Company recognizing the increasing demand for their celebrated machines are adding to their facilities by way of enlarged buildings, greater conveniences and new appointments of every sort. Now is the time to give your order for machines, if you cannot satisfy yourself otherwise take a trip to Toronto and examine carefully our productions. We keep samples of all our machines set up ready for any who may wish to see them. Send in your order for Binder, Reaper, Mower or Horse Rake now; have them shipped early in the year, and set up in your barn and get well acquainted with your machines long before you want to use them.

## THE FUTURE.

Eighteen hundred and eighty-four is at hand, and we hail its approach with glad anticipation. As the wheel of time throws us into another era of the calendar we are led to cherish higher aspirations, entertain loftier hopes, and make grander plans. The idea of stepping out of the old into the new freshens us up a bit. As the year opens the twelve months are scanned—the farmer looks forward to fine crops and a heavy yield, the doctor to many cases and a good practice, the lawyer to many clients and legal victories, the minister to efficient labors and large accessions, the laborer to good wages and plenty of work, and the manufacturer to increased patronage and growing territory.

The new year is a time for turning over a "new leaf," and the youths and misses to commence keeping a diary which runs well for a few weeks.

1884 will be memorable in the history of the City of Toronto, it being its Semi-Centennial year. A grand jubilee is being looked forward to. It is also the year in which our American cousins over the line choose another President. Again, it is leap-year, and the man who only has a birthday once in four years will be happy.

Another event of interest to occur this new year is the meeting in Montreal of the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Canadians may justly feel proud of this arrangement.

Well, what else may we look for in 1884? Some tell us we are going to have a touch of hard times. However, be that as it may it is well to be economical, and therefore we would advise those who contemplate purchasing machines to buy the most durable and best made, consequently we make mention of those turned out by the Massey Manufacturing Company. Our modesty forbids us to say very much about the plans of this Company for the coming year, but we might just mention that their facilities were never so great as now, their catalogue of machines never so fine as at present, and their plans never so great as those for 1884.

## Self-Binding Harvesters.

Nothing in the way of machinery commands so much interest among the farming public, at the present time, as that suggested by the title of this article. The developments in the manufacture of labor-saving implements for the farm, are forming quite a new era in agriculture. In no line of mechanism within the past few years has there been greater, or more rapid progress than that made in the interests of harvesting machinery. And it is a matter of gratification that the Canadian, as well as the American husbandmen, have not been slow in responding. The time is past when the average farmer is satisfied with an old tool—he wants the newest and the best, and is willing to pay for it.

Just as farm labor becomes more scarce, and more costly, the wonder-working and life-like Self Binding Harvester is brought into play, and the hard-working agriculturist hails its approach with delight. He sees that he need no longer be harassed by a lot of indifferent, dissatisfied and lazy harvest hands, and his faithful housewife is delighted to know that she is not called upon to cook for 15 or 20 additional workmen for a week or two. No, the times are changed, and the Self-Binder comes to the front, doing the work quicker, better and cheaper.

In order to produce the best machines of this class The Massey Manufacturing Co. have spared no time, labor or expense, and it is putting it mild when we say that there are no better Elevator or Low Down Binders anywhere, than those turned out by this Company.

During the past season hosts of new friends to the Toronto Elevator Binder have been added, and The Massey Low Down Binder came out for the first year, contrary to the hopes and prophecies of all its enemies, a tried friend to many a Canadian farmer.

It is not well to praise either of these sisters of the harvest field one above the other—they each have their place. The little Binder has tied its sheaves and thrown them off with a magic air, to the delight of many a patron while its big sister has marched through the grain fields with a kingly tread, sweeping everything before it, raising shouts from the denizens of the Prairie Province and echoed back by old Ontario.

## A LARGE SHIPMENT.

On the 30th of June last the Massey Manufacturing Company shipped a solid special train containing nineteen car-loads of Reapers, Mowers and Self-Binders to Winnipeg, Man. The trip was accomplished in the remarkably quick time of 4 days and 19 hours. The cars were profusely decorated with flags, etc., and the value of the goods was \$75,000.