

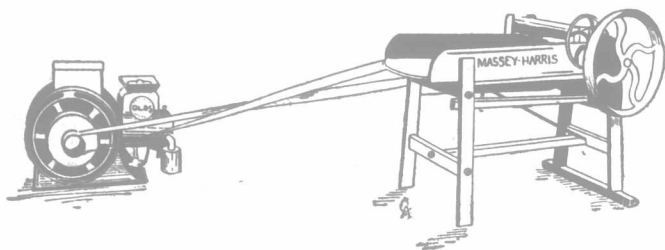
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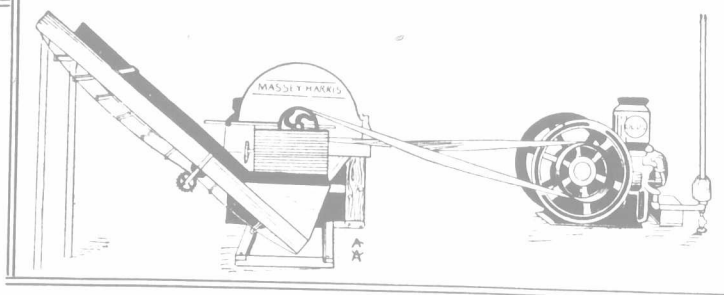
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again offer prizes for the best gardens in Peel County, and he hopes that the number of competitors will be greatly increased. Although comparatively few entered this year, a good beginning has been made, and this fact was especially noteworthy—THAT THE ONLY FARMS ON WHICH FLOWERS WERE SEEN TO ANY APPRECIABLE EXTENT AT ALL WERE THOSE WHOSE GARDENS WERE IN COMPETITION.

Mr. Pearson, assuredly, will do his part. As for "The Farmer's Advocate," it will be only too glad to help on the good work by answering questions that may be asked in regard to gardening, and publishing suggestions of which use may be made.

In an early issue of this paper directions in regard to preparing the ground and planting of perennials and bulbs will be given. It is hoped that many will find inspiration, and this fall begin the gardens which are to be entered next year in the Pearson competition. After all, gardening is not so very hard, if one goes about it in the right way, and to the true flower-lover, the work will be altogether one of pleasure.

It was surmised above that the real lover of flowers is the one most likely to have success with them. While writing this a note has come to my hand from Mrs. Potter, acknowledging her satisfaction in being the winner of the first prize. On reading it I have not been surprised to come upon the following, than which, perhaps, nothing can form a more fitting closing to this little sketch: "I love flowers," says Mrs. Potter, "I am as fond of them as Wordsworth."

"To me the meanest flower that blows
can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep
for tears."

"The only thorn in my rose is that I missed being able to have you for tea the afternoon you came."

I know that I can assure Mrs. Potter, on behalf of Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Pearson, as well as myself, that missing seeing her was the only thorn in our rose on this delightful little trip through beautiful Peel County, truly one of the great gardens of our beloved Province.
DAME DURDEN.

The Ingle Nook.

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The Big Fair.

It isn't an easy matter to write about the Big Fair at Toronto. If you think it is, just try it. Plenty of material? Why, yes, that's the trouble. When one begins to think of all the material, in detail, one begins to feel very much in the predicament of Pat, who "couldn't see London for the houses."

However,—were you there? If so, it will suffice for me to touch upon the "peaks" and you can let memory fill in the intervening spaces. If not, a mass of detail will do you very little good anyway; you must visit Toronto Fair once at least to follow any description intelligently,—so here goes!

In the first place some marked improvements were noted, not the least being the areas of pavement that have been laid down between buildings and elsewhere. A year ago it rained heavily on Labor Day, and vast crowds of people were obliged to go slushing through the mud. On Tuesday of last week, it also rained, but getting about was done with comparative comfort.

Again, a new annex to the Manufacturers' Building has been built for the display of women's work, and thus the old "Women's Building" has been left free to be utilized as an Educational Department—and certainly credit is due to those upon whom fell the task of filling this large building with things that may tend to the general education of the throngs of visitors along various lines. Here were placed, this year, the manual training exhibits, the natural

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