

only manufacturers building a full line of farm machinery, a policy since adopted by most of the representative concerns in both Canada and the United States.

The Patterson business, in 1886, was moved to Woodstock, Ontario, where it was extended to cover a full range of tillage, cultivating, seeding and harvesting machinery. After five years, the Company became the senior member in an amalgamation with the smaller firm of J. O. Wisner, Son & Company, in Brantford, and as will be seen below, eventually found its way into the Massey-Harris union with two members of the firm still in active association, Messrs. A. S. and J. D. Patterson.

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The Wisner firm also had a history, reaching back to 1857, when Mr. W. S. Wisner went to Brantford from the State of New York, and, with his father, Mr. J. O. Wisner, began to manufacture fanning mills. In 1871, under the name of J. O. Wisner, Son & Company, they began to make grain-drills, broadcast seeders, spring-tooth harrows, sulky rakes and hay-tedders. In 1891 this firm—a few months after the amalgamation with Patterson Brothers at Woodstock—was purchased by the Massey-Harris Company as a going concern. The older men in both the Patterson and Wisner Companies retired. The two sons of Peter Patterson remained in the business and Mr. W. S. Wisner also retained an association with the new organization until his death in 1919. His son Mr. C. L. Wisner is still an active member.

Just one year after the Massey-Harris Company had absorbed the Patterson-Wisner amalgamation, the reinforced Company reached out in still another direction—this time to the little town of Exeter, Ontario, where W. H. Verity and Sons had made plows since 1857. Eventually the Verity's also caught

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