

strain began to tell upon him, and it was self-evident that he must take rest. When most business men are permitted to enjoy their vacations—in the heat of summer—Charles' duties required his most active presence. With the exception of a stay of about two weeks at Chautauqua in August, 1882, he never enjoyed a rest from business in the heated term. In the month of September, 1883, after a trying and laborious season's work, Charles, accompanied by his wife, made a trip to the Province of Manitoba. While it was mainly for a change and rest, it was as much a business tour as one of pleasure. Chicago, St. Paul, and Kalamazoo were visited *en route*, and they went as far west as Brandon. It was the first visit Charles had made to the "Prairie Province," and it gave him great satisfaction to see the territory where alone more business was being done by the company than they did throughout the Dominion a few years before. While in the parlor of the little hotel at Brandon a woman of this western country was present, and, observing who the party was, finally exclaimed: "And is this the great Mr. Massey who sends us the wonderful machines?" to which Charles soberly and modestly replied that he manufactured machines and sent them into different parts of the country. But as soon as he got out of her sight he had a good laugh.

On the return journey from Brandon to Winnipeg Charles was taken seriously ill, and unmistakable evidences were given that he had been working too hard. On reaching Winnipeg a physician was summoned who pronounced the case one of acute indigestion. The patient was unable to resume the journey homeward until the third day following, when they started for home, which they reached safely after an absence of nearly three weeks. Important business interests awaited Charles' consideration on his return, and he was at once as busy as ever. His pace was again slackened, however, by a return of the ailment which visited him while away—occurring the third week in October, about five weeks following the first attack. He was out again in a few days, but was considerably weakened. Cares multiplied, and the strain was very heavy; still nothing serious was apprehended. Shortly after returning from the west Charles purchased a more commodious residence in the eastern part of the city, near to that of his father, and removed there in the middle of November.

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