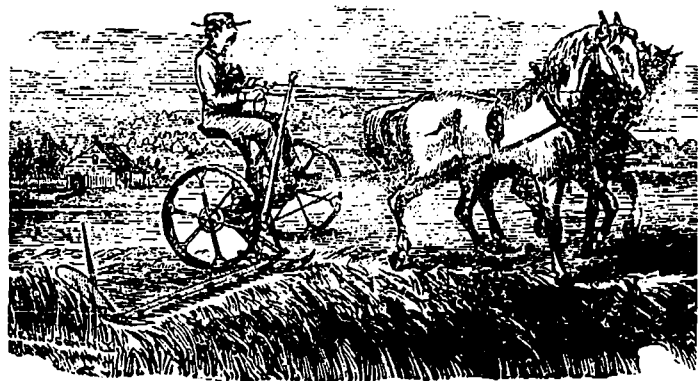


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To our Patrons and Friends:

Owing to the lamented death of our late Vice-President and Manager, Mr. C. A. Massey, some changes have been made necessary in the officering of our Company, of which we take this opportunity of informing you.

For some time past, owing to the rapid growth of our business, Mr. Massey found it necessary to lessen his immediate responsibilities and consequently a good deal of the work at one time done entirely by him has been for a year or two performed by others. The labor and responsibility to which he has latterly given his particular attention, while being divided among other attachés of the Company, will fall mainly into the hands of our President, Mr. H. A. Massey, who will give his entire time to the interests of the business and allow no department to escape his careful and efficient oversight.

This gentleman having been connected with our establishment for over 30 years, it is needless for us to speak of his ability and experience. Latterly he has been devoting his energies more especially to the erection of our new buildings and other improvements; these being so nearly completed, he can now give all the time required to the duties recently discharged by his son Charles. Daniel Massey, the grandfather, laid the foundations of our great enterprise, and his son made those foundations sure and strong; Charles Albert, the grandson, tireless, unwavering and ever hopeful, came to the front and reared the structure; and now the beloved father and younger sons are left to carry on the business in memory of the departed.

Our establishment has reached an enviable position—first in the Dominion. It is large enough, and there seems scarcely room for further extension and improvement. All that remains now is to do the business for which we have capacity, and this we are determined to carry out.

The stockholders of our Company held their annual meeting on Feb. 27th, when the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—H. A. Massey, President and Manager; C. D. Massey, Vice-President; Geo. Metcalfe, Secretary and Treasurer; M. Garvin, Superintendent; W. F. Johnston, Assistant Superintendent. The three gentlemen first named constitute the Board of Directors.

A report of the business for 1883 was read showing a gratifying result.

Thanking you for every favor bestowed.

We remain, yours respectfully,

THE MASSEY MANUFACTURING CO.

CHARLES A. MASSEY.

When the writer of these lines prepared the article on "The Future," for the January number of the ILLUSTRATED, little did he dream that it would so soon be his sad duty to record the death of him whose name stands at the head of this sketch. The name C. A. MASSEY has been so long associated with our business and so closely identified with every movement of the Company that it is difficult to think of him as not among the living. But so it is, and right in the heat of activity he has fallen.

Until some five months ago Mr. Massey's health has always been remarkably good, he never having been confined to the house on account of illness for a single week since his connection with the business. But for a while past his friends have felt that he was

DOING TOO MUCH,

and should take rest, but nothing whatever serious developed in his case until his death illness was upon him. During the fall months Mr. Massey on three different occasions had an attack of

ACUTE INDIGESTION,

the first of these visiting him while on a tour in Manitoba. The effect of these, however, appeared to be overcome and fair health was again enjoyed until the middle of January, when a

SLIGHT ATTACK OF PLEURISY

detained him from the office for three or four days. But restoration was not long to be enjoyed—the weary brain and burdened form of this tireless leader were nearing their rest, the "candle which had been for so long burning at both ends was soon to go out."

ON JANUARY 28TH,

although he had been suffering from a severe cold for a day or two, instead of calling in a physician, he spent the entire day at the office working with more than usual vigor. It was his last day's work, he returned home that evening never again to look upon the vast business pile which had so long felt the impulse of his touch.

On the day following (January 29th) the family physician was called in, and in a few days discovered that he had a typical case of

TYPHOID FEVER.

What appeared at first as a severe cold and then a remittent or slow fever gradually but quickly developed into this terrible disease. Mr. Massey's sufferings were intense, though his symptoms were not unusually alarming, with the exception of a stubborn irritation of the stomach which greatly aggravated the disease and tried the skill of the physicians. This difficulty, however, was apparently overcome, and the patient was making a brave battle for life with good prospects for recovery, when all at once he took a sudden turn for the worse and the shock came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky.

Just two weeks from the day the physician was called to see him the racking fever finished its awful work, and on

FEBRUARY 12th, 1884,

Charles A. Massey ended his earthly career. Everything that human skill could do to save life was done—skillful medical attendance, careful nursing and every appliance that could be brought to bear, but death was inevitable. The vacancy, the shock to the community, the loss to business circles, the widespread bereavement, resulting from this early demise, are two well imagined by our readers for us to dwell upon it at this time. It would seem that Mr. Massey's work was only thoroughly begun, but who would call his an unfinished life work? He lived to see the industry with which he has been so long associated reach the enviable position of *first in its line* in the Dominion—a work in which he has been the leading spirit. He accomplished more in his short life than most men who pass the three-score.

Charles Albert Massey was born near the Town of Cobourg, in Haldimand Township, County of Northumberland,

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 1848

He was the eldest child of Mr. H. A. Massey, the President of our Company, who was an extensive farmer at the time. About three years later his parents removed to Newcastle, Ont., where Mr. H. A. Massey purchased an interest in the business established by his father, Daniel Massey, Esq., and began the manufacture of agricultural implements, afterwards becoming sole proprietor.

Here young Charles received a good school education and all the advantages that devoted parents and good influences could afford. All who were brought into contact with him could see elements of promise. He was a man of business from the beginning, maturity was so early that he bounded from childhood to manhood. He was not long in his "teens" when his Father placed him in the Factory, where by actual experience with the other workmen he might become

ACQUAINTED WITH A TRADE.

The advantage of this course no one can estimate. In 1864 Charles entered Victoria University, Cobourg, where he was a student for two years. Here as elsewhere he made life-long friends, and none more deeply mourn his loss than acquaintances formed at College.

In the fall of 1866 he pursued the course and graduated at the British American Commercial College, Toronto, showing fine business habits and rapid work. Following this he took the course at the Toronto Military School, which

COMPLETED HIS STUDENT LIFE.

In the summer of 1867 while his Father was absent in Europe grave responsibilities were placed upon the shoulders of young Charles, the whole business being placed mainly in his charge, while he was not yet 19 years of age.

THESE GRAVE RESPONSIBILITIES

were bravely borne, and from this time forward the subject of this article was a leading active spirit in the management of the business. In 1870 the health of Mr. H. A. Massey becoming impaired and his removing to Cleveland, Ohio, the business was formed into a Joint Stock Company, Charles being made

VICE-PRESIDENT AND MANAGER,

a position he filled ably and acceptably to the day of his death. The rapid development of the business at Newcastle, with the introduction of every appliance and the best machines, and the unparalleled extension of the Works since their removal to Toronto in 1879 attest the

ENERGY AND SKILL

of our departed friend.

While Mr. Massey, Sr., as President made frequent visits (while resident in Cleveland) to the Factory giving the benefit of his counsel and experience, still how many fathers could leave as extensive a business in the care of a son only

22 YEARS OF AGE.

But we would not speak only of the business side of our brother. The record would be far from complete without reference to him as a friend, a genuine-hearted employer, an enterprising citizen, a noble type of manhood. Well as his business merits were known by business associates he will be remembered best and longest

AS A FRIEND.

His evenness of disposition, unselfish manner and manly integrity won the admiration and affection of all who knew him. Stout-hearted business men and sturdy-handed workmen alike wept at his obsequies. It was a scene seldom witnessed.

Our deceased friend dwelt in the affection and confidence of his employees. They recognized in him one to whom they could go in trouble and find relief, one who would kindly advise, a brother who was always ready to listen to their troubles and do what he could to help them out of their difficulties. Whatever our young employer did in the way of charity he felt his first duty was to those who laboured in his Factory. For them he had an interest and a sympathy like that of a father. It was always a sore trial to him when circumstances demanded a reduc-