W & J G Greey & Co
Pre-Fordist Manufacturing
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- Pre-Fordist Late-Victorian Toronto manufacturing
- Makers of grain milling, mixing and grinding machinery
- Served grain milling, paint making industries
W & J G Greey & Co: 1891 Workforce

- 40 machinists, 13 iron moulders, 10 carpenters, 10 labourers
- 5 millwrights, 4 blacksmiths, 3 pattern-makers
- 1 engineer, 1 stoker, 1 time keeper, 1 caretaker, 2 painters, 2 foremen
- 4 clerical, 1 travelling salesman
- 100 workers
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- 3-4 storey brick buildings NW corner church & Esplanade
- Rail sidings on Esplanade and from Scott St
- Smoky chimneys and cupolas
- Numerous fires, accidents
- Annual company picnics & excursions
- Evangelical Christian boss encouraged his employees to attend daily prayer meetings at work, form a choir
The chapel
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• Steam power for hoisting, furnace and forge blowers, electricity
• Lots of skilled manual labour
• Skills learned on the job, from apprenticeship
• Engineer & fireman have papers
• No women on the shop floor
• Little protective clothing, or protection from fumes, dusts, gases
• The first factory to be prosecuted for violating City smoke bylaws
W & J G Greey & Co

- No assembly line
- Each machine custom built from patterns, parts custom fitted
- Set-up crew travels to assemble and install each machine for the customer
- A family business, not a publicly-traded corporation.