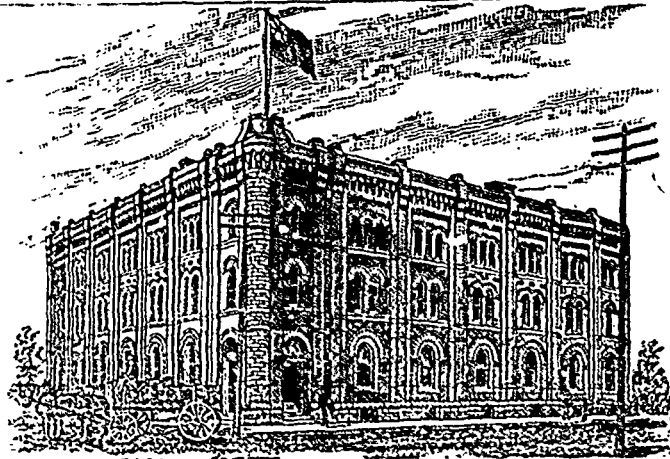


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#### Editor's Table.

The *Rat Portage News* has celebrated its third birthday. The publisher talks of issuing a tri-weekly in the spring.

The old reliable *Farmer's Advocate*, published by W. Weld, at London, Ont., has just completed its 23rd annual volume. Mr. Weld is an enthusiast in his work, and has thoroughly devoted his life to the interests of the farmers.

The *Illustrated London News* is publishing a number of excellent sketches of Canadian scenery, mainly of views along the C.P.R. in the mountains. For some time back an American edition of the *Illustrated News* has been published at New York, and is meeting with general appreciation throughout the United States and Canada.

The last issue of the *Kamloops Sentinel* is really an excellent number. It is twelve pages in size, and filled with interesting information about the mineral wealth of the interior portion of the province. A full description is given of the different mining districts. A large original map is also published, showing the location of the different quartz and placer mines and claims. The paper is a credit to the publishers.

The *Empire*, the chief organ of Conservatism in Canada and of the present Dominion Government, celebrated its first birthday, Dec. 27th, on which day it issued a twenty-four page number. From its inception the *Empire* has been a worthy and faithful exponent of Conservative principles, and though it has not maintained throughout the same moderate tone which was characteristic of its earliest existence, yet it has not gone to the extremes in denouncing its opponents, which many party papers constantly do. As a general newspaper, the *Empire* is already at the head of the class of Canadian morning journals.

The sixth annual number of the *Minneapolis Northwestern Miller* has reached the Table. The publishers of the *Miller* have fairly excelled all previous efforts in their latest holiday number, and this is saying a good deal. The Table has looked forward for some time to the arrival of this work, well knowing that it would be a

work upon which the eye could feast, and now that it is here, it is felt that it is impossible to describe satisfactorily its beauties. Every page of advertising matter is a study. A new feature is presented in a number of embossed pages, which are simply superb. Several colored pages are also strikingly handsome. The engravings are of the highest quality. There are cuts of 150 prominent millers of the United States, accompanying a millers' directory. The directory gives a list of the various flour mills in the country, with their location, capacity and name of owners; also the names of the head millers. The reading matter of the number is extensive and varied in character, and includes some articles from well known writers. The enterprise of the *Northwestern Miller* is but an index to the spirit which pervades the leaders in the great industry which it represents, and of which it is such a worthy exponent.

#### British Columbia.

Thomas Thompson, gunsmith, Victoria, is dead.

The Legislature has been called to meet on January 31.

B. H. Burgess, fruits, Victoria, has sold out to G. W. Biggar.

R. Hilbert, boots and shoes, Nanaimo, has sold out his stock and business to his son, John Hilbert.

Capt. Grant has cured several tons of halibut by smoking, at Westminster, which he intends shipping to Chicago.

J. R. McKenzie, formerly of the firm of McKenzie & Meston, carriage builders, Victoria, has started business for himself in the same line and place.

Victoria spent over \$600,000 in new buildings and improvements this last year. Out of this sum \$160,000 was spent by Robert Dunsmuir on his new residence.

The stock raisers of British Columbia are making an effort to form an association having for its object the obtaining of legal redress for stock killed by railroad trains, cheaper rates of transportation and better prices.

## JAMES PYE, FLOUR MILL BUILDER

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#### A Manitoba Testimonial.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Dec. 8th, 1887.

JAMES PYE, Esq., Minneapolis, Minn., U.S.A.:  
DEAR SIR,—In handing you our check for \$1,301.24, in full for balance on your contract for building and enlarging our mill, we without solicitation wish to state, that you have done your work in a manner highly satisfactory to this company. The capacity which you guaranteed at 275 barrels we find considerably under the mark, as we are at present making over 300 barrels, and the quality of the flour is all that we could wish for. Some of our largest purchasers frankly tell us, it is equal to any flour made in either Minnesota or this province. The yield also we find very satisfactory. We must also bear testimony to your pleasing and gentlemanly manner, and your willingness at all times to meet our wishes. This has made our business relations pleasant and we can honestly say, that we recommend you to any person, requiring anything in the mill building or mill furnishing line. Wishing you the success that straight dealing merits, we are  
Yours very truly,

THE PORTAGE MILLING CO.  
Jas. MacLenaghan, Managing Director.

The Merchants' Bank has made arrangements with the Bank of British North America whereby notes of the former bank will be redeemed at par in British Columbia.

A. T. McNabb, late of Winnipeg, has established a business in Vancouver, known as the Columbia Carriage Works. He is importing a stock of eastern carriages, etc.

The Inland Revenue returns for Victoria for 1888 are \$107,544, an increase of \$27,735 over the previous year. The customs collections for Victoria for the eleven months ending November are \$769,000, almost equal to the twelve months last year.

W. R. Megaw, general merchant, Kamloops, advertises having arranged to dispose of his stock and retire from business on April 1st next. Clearing sale in meantime. It is said J. McArthur, C. E. Stevenson and J. McIvor will succeed Megaw.

Capt. Grant is adding a new vessel to the Victoria sealing fleet, having purchased a schooner which is now in Japan. Capt. Jacobson is also building a sealing schooner at Victoria, so that it appears the sealing industry will be pushed next season.

*Victoria Colonist*: "Twenty flat cars are now under construction for the Island railway at the shops at Russell's station. They will aggregate \$12,000. The coaches were all repainted a short time ago at a cost of \$3,000. As soon as the reserve question is definitely settled, it is understood that extensive workshops and bunkers will be erected on the reserve, besides large coal bunkers for supplying the city and steamer trade." This is the railway on Vancouver Island, connecting Victoria and Nanaimo.

Robert Dunsmuir, proprietor of the Wellington coal mines, received a letter on January 2, from the miners demanding that he meet them on Monday to settle grievances and discuss a demand for increased wages, or all the miners would go out on strike. On the following day Dunsmuir telegraphed the managers of the mine to close down, and if the miners wanted to see him they could do so in his Victoria office. The mines were accordingly shut down.