

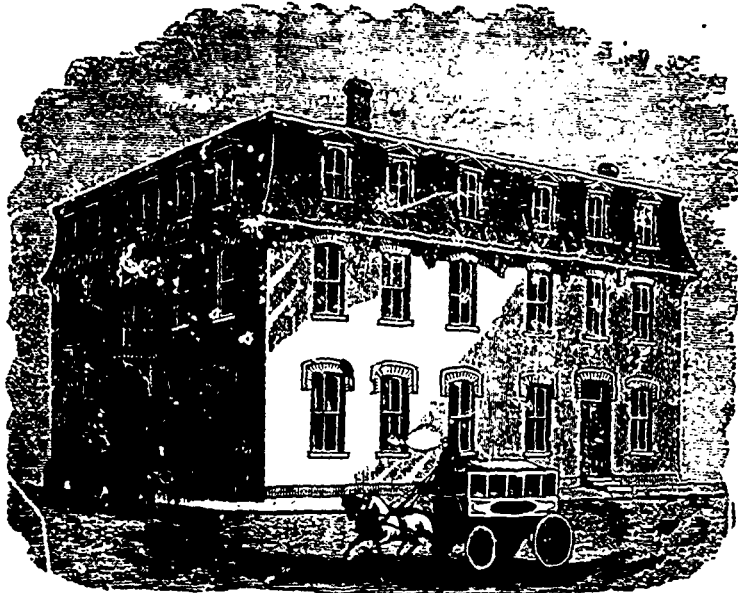
year ago, under the name of the Brandon Brewing Co., in connection with a partner. Munroe & Co. also do a wholesale trade in wines and liquors. S. H. Munroe started in groceries in 1881, and added liquors later. The present wholesale liquor business was established in June last, and is meeting with success.

The wholesale grocery line is represented by Smart, Stewart & Co. and Smith & Burton, besides which some jobbing trade is done by other houses.

Jno. Hanbury & Co. do a wholesale grain and produce business, in which they have been very successful. They make a specialty of coarse grains, oats, barley, etc., which they ship largely both east and west. The grain department is under the management of W. J. Lindsay. Butter, eggs, and cheese are handled extensively, the trade in these lines extending from Victoria, B. C., to Montreal. A specialty is made of the wholesale cigar trade, which is under the care of Mr. Hanbury. A retail and jobbing trade is also done in groceries, under

the list. This well known house is situated directly opposite the depot, and just about the centre of the city. It enjoys pretty much of a monopoly of the commercial trade. The house is a brick structure three storeys high, and contains over thirty well furnished sleeping apartments. Three or four separate sample rooms are at the disposal of commercial travellers. The table is not behind any hotel in Manitoba, not excepting Winnipeg. To the travelling fraternity Frank Boisseau and his amiable wife are two of the best known people in the West.

In the financial line there are two chartered banks, the Merchants and the Imperial, which have proved a great aid to the commerce of the city. The lumber trade is represented by several dealers, E. J. Barclay, who has been in the business since the commencement of the town, reports that the first year his retail sales amounted to 3,000,000 feet, and that probably 15,000,000 feet were sold by all the dealers during the year. C. A. Larkin is an old and well known lumber dealer. P. L. Mitchell



the management of E. Barrett. The firm is composed of Jno. Hanbury, W. J. Lindsay and E. Barrett. In the pump manufacturing line a considerable trade is done. J. M. Riesberry, the principal manufacturer, reports the sale of 200 pumps during the past year, mostly to farmers in the surrounding country. Russell & Ironsides, and J. W. Anderson and Burchell & Howen do a large trade in handling and shipping stock, dressed meats, poultry, etc., both to the Winnipeg market and to Territorial and British Columbia points. In the stock line C. Pilling established monthly sales, which have been a great convenience to both buyers and sellers. The sales were established two years ago, and have been kept up ever since, proving a great success. Farmers from the surrounding country bring in their surplus cattle, horses, etc., to the sales, and invariably find a good market.

In hotels Brandon is well supplied. There are nine or ten licensed houses and other restaurants and temperance houses. Of the hotels the Grand View has long stood at the head of

commenced business in the line about eighteen months ago, though previously connected with the business in another capacity. Mann & Durham succeeded J. A. Christie some time ago, the latter giving his entire attention to grain. J. H. Hughes also handles lumber.

Among some of the other leading business houses are the following: Fraser Bros., H. Meredith & Co., Strome & Whitelaw, Jas. Paisley, John Sproule, general merchants; Cole & Saunders, dry goods and merchant tailors; Flumerfelt & Powers, and M. McNicol, boots and shoes; T. Lee, saddler; Somerville & Co., dry goods and clothing; Johnston & Co., Wilson & Co., R. McLean, Geo. Munroe, hardware; M. Dickson and W. H. Hooper, groceries; L. Stockton, merchant tailor.

The press is well represented in Brandon, and the local papers will compare favorably with those published in much larger towns in the east. The Sun, the liberal paper, was the first in the field, and it has held the fort since, issuing a daily at one time during the "boom" days. Now a weekly only is published. It is

published by W. J. White. The Times, published by J. M. Robinson, though the last in the field, is not least in importance. The Times has lately given an exhibition of its enterprise, in issuing a large special edition, descriptive of the city and country. The Mail, published by C. Cliffe, is, like the Times, a conservative paper, though considerably more rank in tone.

Manitoba Lands.

There is a large quantity of the best agricultural land in the world yet to be had in the vicinity of Winnipeg, the commercial capital of the vast Northwest, and the shrewder settler usually recognizes the desirability of settling as near as possible to a great centre. Those who in the earlier days of this generation located themselves in the neighborhood of Chicago and Milwaukee have had good reason to congratulate themselves on their foresight, while even of late years the farmers who took up land in the counties adjoining St. Paul and Minneapolis have realized abundantly the wisdom of their choice. There ought not to be any land available near Winnipeg, but owing to the muddle in dealing with the half-breed lands in Manitoba, much remains procurable that would otherwise have been ere this thickly settled. All difficulties of title have now been removed by local acts and the introduction of the Torrens' system, so that it is probable that within the next three years there will be a great demand for the land between the Assiniboine and Red rivers—the wheat field of the Northwest.—*Montreal Gazette.*

R. P. BARNES & Co., of Lethbridge, Alberta, will open a drug store at M. cleod.

HUGH DOOL contemplates establishing a machine repair shop in Minnedosa, Man.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for the resumption of work at an early day in boring for oil in the Lake Dauphin district, Man.

—WELLBRAND has purchased the store of T. B. Winnett at Medicine Hat, Assa., and will open with a line of boots and shoes.

AN association has been formed at Fort Qu'Appelle, to be called the Business Association of Fort Qu'Appelle. It will be of the nature of a board of trade.

THE Medicine Hat Railway and Coal Co. is applying to have its railway and mining interests consolidated. It is said there are good prospects of an early development of the property of the company.

At a late meeting of the Calgary council a by-law was put through authorizing the borrowing of \$7,000, at the bank, to meet the town's present indebtedness, the notes to be taken up before the expiration of the present year.

CALGARY Tribune:—Stockmen are adopting a new course in wintering their calves. In former years the calves were allowed to run on the range with the cows, sucking them the whole winter. This as might be expected, did not give the cows a fair chance, but this year a number of the stock raisers have taken the calves away from the cows and till a week or two ago have fed them. Since the warm weather arrived, however, the youngsters have been turned out and are rustling for themselves.