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The Calgary Tribune rays:—We have information from private sources to the effect that the terms upon which Mr. Prince's offer to erect a flouring mill in Calgary depend, will be conceded, and that the erection of the mill the coming summer is now a certainty. Our information is that the bulk of the necessary machinery has already been contracted for. It is also stated that a foundry is to be erected in connection with the mill.

The Port Arthur Sentinel intimates that Hastings Bros. & Co. have been pitting one municipality against another, in order to secure the largest possible bonus for the flour mill which they intend erecting next spring. This is doing these gentlemen an injustice, as they have not adopted the course charged against them. They have merely intimated in a business way that they would build a large mill, and this has drawn forth a number of unsolicited offers of bonuses from several municipal corporations which were anxious to get the mill.

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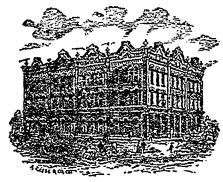
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