

In later years, John Adams, brother of David J. Adams, was a money lender at Prince Albert.

An ashery was run by Prosper Hurd, who was engaged in many enterprises. He was at one time the partner of Farewell in the manufacture of shoes. He was also a lawyer. When oil was struck near London, he went there, and rumor has it that he made money. If he did, it is possible that he lost it again in his operations in the gold fields at Madoc. It is pretty certain that these wanderings did not add much to his riches. Prosper had a brother named Abner who shared his travels and they both went to Chicago.

While we are discussing lawyers, John Billings must be mentioned. He was a clever man, and did considerable business.

Much of a lawyer's work had to do with the loaning of money, and the collection of debts. Money used to bring a high rate of interest. As much as ten and twelve per cent. was paid for the use of money. These rates were quite common.

During the Crimean war farmers bought considerable land, but after the war was over and prices dropped, many of them found themselves in difficulty. They were "land poor," and not a few men who had mortgaged their farms to buy more land lost both the farm and the new purchase. All this meant work for the lawyers.

When men became financially embarrassed, they would go over to Michigan, where debts were difficult to collect. Chicago was the Golden West then. Winnipeg and Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver were unknown. Our West was unexplored, and the railways were not built.

James McConnell kept a tailor shop and ran a small grocery in connection with it.

John Heal, brother of James Heal, was another tailor. He was a splendid type of man and thoroughly respected.

Jonathan Bullen conducted the largest tailoring business in Prince Albert.

The tinshop was carried on by Hugh McCaw, uncle of W.H. McCaw. Elijah Cash made the pumps for this locality. He sold out, and went to California, where we are informed his widow still lives.

The North Ontario Observer was established by James Holden. Henry Parsons learned his trade with Holden, and when the latter moved to Whitby, Parsons and Robson became the proprietors of the