



E. F. HUTCHINGS' FIRST WINNIPEG SHOP

manufactured goods and here the variety is almost as great as among the imports. A novel system of shelving for the storage of harness, etc., is in use on this floor, whereby the stock can be closed up in dustproof compartments and yet as accessible as if displayed on counters or tables.

On the fourth floor is located the manufacturing department. The front end is reserved for manufactures of brown leather and saddlery goods and the rest of the floor to other lines. The machinery used here is of the latest and most approved patterns, supplied by the Randall company, of Cincinnati. Power is furnished by an 8 horse-power motor. Upwards of 110 men are regularly employed in this department, and almost everything in the harness line is made.

This completes a tour of the building. Some further special features are: Its water system—two immense tanks supply soft water to all parts of the building for use in the wash-rooms, etc.; its telephone and call system—a private wire connects the different departments and the retail store by telephone, while speaking tubes and electric bells also extend to all parts of the building; its fire protection—stand pipes have been placed on every floor with hose, etc., for the rapid extinction of any incipient fires that may occur.

No better way could be found for showing this sketch of a great business than by presenting the reader with a glimpse of what the future presents to the mind of its proprietor in the line of expansion and extension. Mr. Hutchings predicts a great future for this western land. It has tributary to it as much country capable of development as the city of Chicago and it will always provide a large market for his line of goods, the character of the country and the amount of traffic by means of horses insures this. But further he looks forward to a steady and extensive export trade with countries so widely apart and so far distant as Australia, South Africa, South America, etc., and has equipped his new building with that

trade specially in view. Already he has had several very encouraging orders of this kind, a recent one being from Hon. Cecil Rhodes, premier of Cape Colony, for ox harness. In every instance the goods have given satisfaction. There seems to be no reason why these expectations should not be filled and even surpassed within a very few years and it will not be from any lack of energy on the part of the management of this concern if they are not.

Following is a list of the branches of this business as they exist at present throughout Manitoba and the Territories: Portage la Prairie, Man.; Neepawa, Man.; Prince Albert, Sask.; North Edmonton, Alberta; South Edmonton, Alberta; Bolsenvain, Man.; McGregor, Man.; Selkirk, Man.

Brandon Wants a Commission.

At the regular meeting of the Brandon city council held this week, the following motion was adopted: "That whereas the city of Brandon, a municipality in the province of Manitoba, has incurred liabilities, the payment of which presses heavily upon her, and whereas it is expedient to have ascertained the extent of said liabilities, and the means of paying them possessed by the said city of Brandon, and whereas great confusion and trouble is certain to be caused in the city, and great loss and damage done to the public interests generally, unless some action is taken at once as herein suggested: therefore the council of the city of Brandon requests an investigation into its affairs, under the provisions of an act

of the province of Manitoba, being chapter 30 of 55 Vic., and it is hereby resolved that a requisition be made upon the lieutenant-governor-in-council, of the province of Manitoba, under said act, that such investigation be held, that the mayor of the city of Brandon be, and he is hereby instructed to, at once forward a copy of the resolution to the lieutenant-governor-in-council, with the necessary request for such investigation."

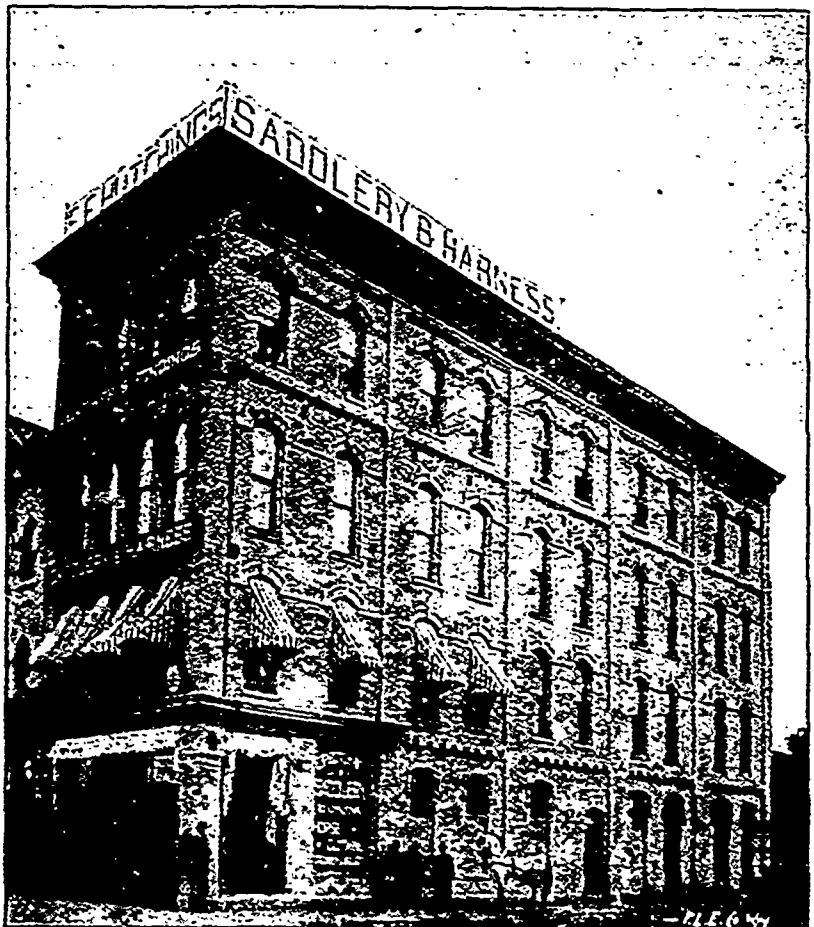
Grain and Milling News.

Leading Munciepolis flour millers have refused to go into the proposed consolidation company, mentioned recently.

E. P. Ferguson has disposed of his interest in the Melita roller mills to Thos. Bulloch, Sen., of Reston. The new firm name will be Bulloch & Son.

The report of the Winnipeg grain inspector is as follows for the week ending Dec. 17. One hard 108 cars of wheat inspected; two hard 16, one northern 129 two northern 12, three hard 1 one spring 31, Ladoga 1, one white Pysfe 1, two frosted 1, rejected 18, no grade 125, total 443 cars.

The National board of trade of the United States has resolved that in the board's opinion, the commercial, manufacturing and industrial prosperity of the country would be greatly promoted by the nearest practical approach to the establishment of complete reciprocal trade relations between the United States, the Dominion of Canada and the colony of Newfoundland.



MAIN STREET STORE OF E. F. HUTCHINGS, WINNIPEG