



CHESTER THOMPSON & CO'S GENERAL STORE, PRINCE ALBERT

Photo by W. J. James

very superior result in appearances, as shown by the view accompanying. Mr. Mitchell is a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy and member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Manitoba. He is also an analytical chemist by examination, having taken a special course for that examination. He spent four years in Hooper's in Toronto and two years in New York and Buffalo. He came to Winnipeg first in 1879 from Toronto. This year he is one of the town's aldermen.

A. Haldenby, saddle and harness maker, came to Winnipeg from his native county of Bruce, Ont. He spent some time there before coming to Prince Albert. He opened in business for himself a year ago, and does a nice trade carrying a nice stock. He spent the seven years previous to that in town also. He makes up his own harness largely, and carries, as well, a large stock of general harness shop goods. Supplies for Klondike travelers and traders are an especial line.

S. McLeod came here from Winnipeg in 1883, and in partnership with Wm. Shannon, opened a boot and shoe store. Before coming here he had spent two years in Winnipeg, having originally come from Prince Edward Island. Five years after coming to Prince Albert, Mr. McLeod opened on his own account in a general stock, which business he still continues. Twice Mr. McLeod has suffered from fire, the first stock intended for the business in 1883 having been burned in the depot fire at Qu'Appelle station. Again last September his place was burned to the ground, but he at once rebuilt temporary premises. The coming season will witness a big expansion of his business, for he intends building a large block, and has already bought a heavy stock, of which special Klondike supplies form quite a portion. For some years Mr. McLeod was an alderman, and in 1896 was elected mayor. He is a very popular man, and deservedly so—in view of which it might not be surprising to see him shy his castor into

the ring in the future political campaign. His son, John D. McLeod, is associated with him in his business.

Geo. R. Russell, is one of the pioneers of the present town of Prince Albert. He was born in Glenegarry Co., Ont., came to Manitoba in 1878 and to Prince Albert in 1886. He started the first regular butcher shop and also exported the first bunch of cattle and the first shipment of wool from the Saskatchewan. When he first came there was no ferry. He saw the opportunity and built and operated one for a long time. He has been a member of the separate school board from its organization, and was an alderman one year. With a view to meeting the demand for meat for Klondike parties and for the Koot-

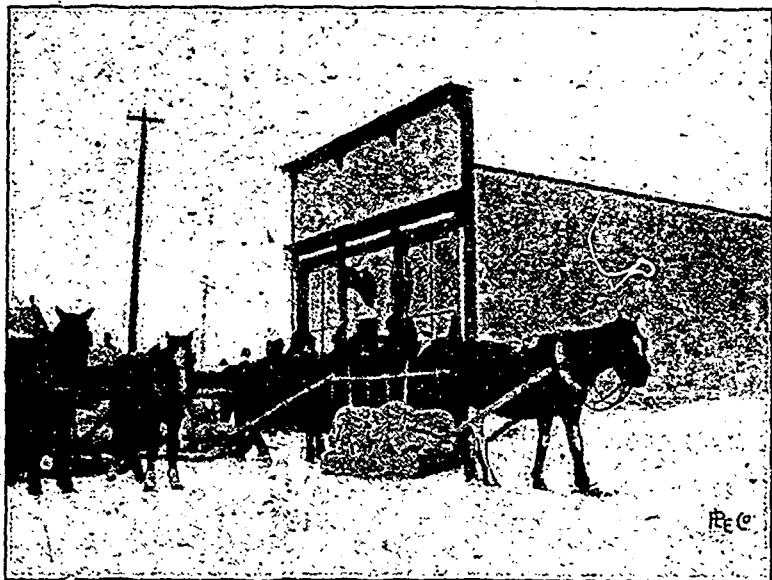
enay trade, Mr. Russell is packing pork on a large scale, having brought a skilled man from Europe for the work.

W. R. Gunn, M. A., the first graduate of Manitoba university and the oldest established barrister in the Territories left Winnipeg in 1881 after passing his final law exam. He and his brother set out for where Brandon now is, and in driving across country missed the trail. Instead of turning back they came on and reached Prince Albert on the 1st of July where a celebration was being held. Mr. Gunn has resided here ever since, and is looked on as one of the cleverest men in his profession in the west. He is a native of Manitoba from near Lower Fort Garry, where his father, Jno. Gunn, a well known old timer, still resides on the old homestead.

Wm. Shannon has been in Prince Albert over fifteen years and has been in the boot and shoe trade all that time. He also carries a line of furnishings, etc. He is a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and when eighteen years of age came to Canada, spending five years in Montreal and five in Toronto before coming west. He was in Winnipeg nine years and as that was during the boom, his cool, level head just made him a nice little sum.

J. R. McPhail has been in hardware and groceries in Prince Albert over eighteen years, having been among the earliest to arrive here for the purpose of engaging in trade. He came direct from Ottawa, is a Canadian by birth, has always identified himself with public affairs, having sat at the council board and school board several years. He was a candidate in the recent bye-election and just missed by a neck. But he has got the neck yet. His success in his business shows that he is the shrewd clear-headed business man he is looked on to be. He has a large shop neatly kept and well-filled with stock.

R. T. Goodfellow has been in business in Prince Albert since 1879, having been in the planing mill and sash and door factory for seven years. Twelve years ago he opened a stock of groceries, provisions, flour and feed, fruit, crockery, etc., and has done well, hav-



J. E. SINCLAIR'S STORE, PRINCE ALBERT WITH PONY SLEIGHS STARTING FOR GREEN LAKE