

no matter by whom has had its columns open to him, and, if wronged, its advocacy at his command. It was owing to its exertions that the land was obtained from the Government for the Railway north from here to Long Lake, without which the money could not have been had, and therefore to the LEADER we are in part indebted for that north-going Railway. Thousands of volumes have been printed and bound by the LEADER Company. During the war a special edition was published daily with full telegrams from the seat of war. During the recent trials a full report of them was given daily. A paper with the same recognized influence was never before issued from so young a place as Regina or from any city with ten times its population.

In those early days the largest tent was that of Mr. J. J. Campbell. Mr. McCormic, who now keeps the Palmer, kept an hotel on South Railway Street; and the hotel now known as the Windsor faced the Station and was known as the Royal.

Amongst the very first merchants were Mowat Bros., the "Pioneer Store," now, one of the most prosperous firms in the city. Smith and Fergusson, whose hardware business has become so extensive as to require several new buildings for the accommodation of their immense stock, are now one of the leading wholesale firms in the North-West. John Dawson's City Drug Store is one of the finest in the Dominion. A visitor shown through the extensive buildings by the gentlemanly manager, Mr. David Bole, is at once impressed with its extent and prosperity. Near it in the same block and in the same line is the handsome store of Mr. Pettingell. Next we have Mr. Samuel Shannon, of the "Famous Padlock," whose excellent workmanship and steady attention to business rank him amongst our leading firms in his line. Mr. J. A. Kerr is one of the first hardware merchants in Regina. Mr. Charles Black has steadily come to the front and is perfectly

satisfied as to the future prosperity of Regina—and his business. McCarthy Bros. have been forced to enlarge their boot and shoe manufactory, to meet the demands of our rapidly increasing population. Messrs. Smith and Chatwin, of the Queen City Tailoring House, are kept only too busy. Our old friend the "Pioneer watchmaker of the North," Mr. W. R. Roberts, came, but went again, and his place is well filled by Mr. John Stenshorn. Mr. J. J. W. Smith, in the hardware line, has prospered beyond his most sanguine anticipations. Sprague and Scarlett have found it necessary to enlarge their store, which, taken with the numerous customers seen daily issuing therefrom, is a sure token of prosperity. Mr. James R. Riddal is meeting at every turn with the success his skill as a painter richly deserves. The Colonization Store Co. wears that happy and radiant countenance, which is always expressive of pleasing results. Mr. P. Lamont, finding his former store somewhat small for his rapidly increasing business, removed to more spacious buildings. The new sign which overhangs his door has an air of prosperity in its gentle swinging to and fro, which is corroborated upon entering his exceedingly well furnished store.

Wullard Bros., who have kept steadily along the path of fortune, have now the finest harness emporium in the North-West. Sibbald and Lindsay are thorough business men, and upon reviewing their business prosperity, we cannot fail to see their successful enterprise on every hand. Mr. R. B. Fergusson's furniture department is unsurpassed by any west of Winnipeg. McNicol Bros. are our latest acquisition, and from the confident air worn by them it is evident they have no cause to regret opening a business in our midst. Nor must we forget our celestial friends, who on Saturdays may be seen meandering along the streets with a bundle of linen and a smiling countenance, in anticipation of the shekels to come.

Regina has grown beyond anything that