



Here is the best business location in Brandon in 1882 — the corner of Sixth and Rosser, looking towards Pacific Avenue.

“One of the greatest boons ever conferred upon the travelling public of the North-west was the opening of this fine hotel in April of the present year (1882).” The description goes on to say that the hotel can accommodate 100

guests, the upper floor being exclusively dormitories. “Both [proprietors Messrs. Carson and Caulfield] have other branches of business on hand, but in none have they furnished a more useful institution, and one that will do more for the progress of Brandon than the Grand Central Hotel.”

Jas. A. Smart’s business here is a \$15,000 stock of hardware,

paints, glass, and such. Mr. Smart was elected one of Brandon’s first aldermen — having shown himself “one of her most enterprising and public-spirited citizens”. He later served two terms as mayor of the city, and represented Brandon in the Provincial Legislature. He was appointed deputy to the Minister of the Interior, Clifford Sifton.



The year is 1905. Imagine yourself standing in the middle of Rosser Avenue at the Eleventh Street intersection, looking east. The space at the extreme left will eventually accommodate the Bank of Montreal (our present Library). A couple of rigs stand in front of the Post Office, and the building on this side of it is the Union Bank of Canada. The top floor of the Fraser Block, 1027 Rosser Avenue, was one of the earlier locations of Professor McKee’s Academy when it was moved here from Rapid City in 1890. It became known as Brandon College in 1897.

Obviously, this is not a one-way street, for whatever way is most convenient is the way to go. Paving is in the future.