

*THE FIRST MERCANTILE HOUSE ON THE  
GROUND!*

On the morning of Friday last the steamer Norman, from Chicago, arrived in our Bay, bringing her proprietor, Louis F. Leopold, and his sons, Asa F. Leopold, and Henry F. Leopold, jr., and thirty tons of groceries and provisions, and general mercantile supplies for their new general store, at Duluth, to be conducted by the firm of Asa F. Leopold & Bro., his sons. The elder firm are proprietors of the line of Chicago boats, Norman and Ontonagan. They have large Commission Houses in Chicago and Milwaukee, and, with the keen vision of their race, they have concluded that Duluth was one of the future seats of commercial empire, and are here, on the spot, the very first mercantile house, prepared to establish its younger scions in business, to reap the reward assigned by the old proverb for the birds that are up earliest in the morning.