

## STATISTICAL REPORT

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### ❖ WINNIPEG'S TRADE ❖

FOR 1885.

In entering upon statistics of the trade of Winnipeg for 1885, the further enquiry is prosecuted the more contradictory are the facts to those in former years. The year has been a peculiar one in many senses, and its effects upon trade have been in keeping with other spheres.

On the surface of affairs there seems but little change in trade matters since the last report was presented to this board. The number of trading institutions in the city has changed very little, there being at the close of 1885 some 898, or fourteen less than at the close of 1884. One or two institutions of moderate importance have disappeared, and others have taken their place, while the bulk of those which have fallen out have been very small concerns of no trade consequence.

Nor does the change in the figures of the aggregate business of the city give any cause for wonder, although there has been considerable changing of places as to the importance of several branches. This is clearly discernible in the figures of some of the leading branches of wholesale trade, where reliable statistics can be obtained, and is shadowed if not made plain in retail lines.

The past year closed with 87 houses in Winnipeg which do more or less of a wholesale or jobbing business, which shows an increase of twelve over the figures of 1884. There have been no new concerns during the year, but fourteen have added jobbing to their retail trade, while two wholesale concerns have gone out of business.