

In iron and metallic manufactures there are 69 institutions, large and small, employing 407 hands. The products of this industry exceed \$500,000 for the past year. In addition to the foregoing there are 90 miscellaneous institutions, mostly small, which employ 275 hands. This is exclusive of such branches as tailoring and needle-work, in which about 140 hands, male and female, are employed. Neither does it include printing and its connections, employing 270 people. To this may be added building and outdoor contracting, the tenders let for which in spring amounted to \$1,500,000, fully one-half of which has been carried through during the past year. The gross aggregate of the above interests not included in the wholesale mercantile statement, represents a turn-over of \$2,550,000. Then the gross earnings of hotels, restaurants, storage warehouses, etc., for the year would certainly exceed \$500,000.

The gross business of the city for 1884 may be summed up as follows:—

Wholesale mercantile.....	\$14,220,098
Retail	5,809,600
Manufacturing and contracting (not included in mercantile...)	2,550,000
Miscellaneous.....	500,000
Grand total.....	\$23,079,698

The foregoing figures do not include any of the business of the C.P.R. connected with their workshops, round-house, &c., which maintain in the city a working population of nearly 2,000.

"During the past year the Canadian Pacific Railway handled from stations on the Western Division 3,000,000 bushels of wheat, 1,500,000 bushels barley and oats, 320,000 sacks flour, and carried for export from the Province, 1,200,000 bushels wheat, 550,000 bushels barley and oats, 50,000 sacks flour.

"The record of commercial disaster may fitly close this report, as it will be noted a compari-

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son of figures which clearly show that the city is making steady headway to a high standard of credit. The failures during 1883 numbered 101, with liabilities amounting to \$1,750,000, while the figures of 1884 show the number of failures to be 42, with liabilities amounting to \$504,758.

The Board is to be congratulated upon the commencement of a yearly record of the city's commerce; a work which, while it is laborious, and imposes much upon the care and patience of the secretary, is important enough to justify its regular continuance.

—Among our minor imports from France are the following in addition to the more important items tabulated elsewhere:—Belts and trusses, \$592; bells, \$288; suspenders, \$2,472; bread and biscuit, \$1,690; wax candles, \$829; carriages, \$995; jewel cases, \$2,181; cider, \$5,466; collars and cuffs, \$456; cordage, \$834; licorice, \$319; patent medicines, —; other medicines, \$4,419; other drugs, \$4,180; embroideries, \$3,739; alabaster goods, \$4,176; writing desks, \$997; horn and shell wares; \$2,321; fans, \$1,597; gold and silver cloth, \$835; ivory goods, \$230; millinery, \$1,510; toys, \$2,150; other fancy goods, \$6,035; linen goods, \$242; curtains, \$2,159; window glass, \$2,484; colored do. \$615; silvered do. \$665; other do. \$1,904; gold and silver leaf, &c., \$2,416; rubber tubing, \$3,815; curled hair, \$2,756; ink, \$1,352; platina wares; \$3,803; engravings and prints, \$4,931; perfumery, \$3,933; shrubs and plants, \$1,238; printing presses, \$4,158.

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C. A. M., Brandon, Man.—Such a description as you desire will fill a good-sized letter. Hope to write you soon. The twine is made by Stairs, Son & Morrow, in Halifax; C. O'Connor in St. John, Converse & Co. and Bannerman in Montreal, possibly also by J. & J. Livingston, at Baden, Ont. Believe the process is simple and the requisite machinery not very expensive.

ENQUIRER.—See elsewhere in this issue.

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