

while in oatmeal, bran, shorts, chopped feed and other grain products they reached \$85,000. The other exports from the city consist of linseed oil and oil cake, potatoes, butter, hides, furs, and fresh fish of which last named alone, nearly 1,500,000 pounds went out during the year. Exact figures as to those miscellaneous exports cannot be reached, but a careful approximation places them in the neighborhood of \$165,000. Thus the aggregate value of exports in 1885, so far as could be discovered, reached \$2,180,820, and in saying exports, only what was forwarded to the Eastern Provinces, the United States, or the Old World is included, and the shipments to the territories to the west and northwest of Manitoba are not taken into account.

It must be acknowledged that the results of the whole year's retail trade are rather disappointing, if we start with the impression given by the general activity during the closing months of the year. It must be remembered that during the first half of 1885, when some 2,000 men from this city, as soldiers, teamsters and others were at the front, retail business generally was in a very depressed state, and although during fall and winter a very rapid recovery set in, the aggregate trade of the year furnishes no figures over which to be enthusiastic.

As was done a year ago, we received figures from a fair representation of the leading branches, and have made a careful approximation of the business done by the balance, the only course by which the aggregate of business done can be reached in retail lines. The number of institutions has decreased some 20, the figures of 1884 and 1885 being respectively 408 and 388 concerns. The results of figures secured and general inquiries made show that over thirty per cent. of these show an increase of sales, a little more than thirty per cent. have fully held their own, while over thirty-five per cent. show a decrease, although in no instance have we found the latter very marked. Taking the last year's figures as a guide, namely \$5,809,600, it would be about fair to place the aggregate for 1885 at \$5,500,000.

In entering upon the manufacturing interests of the city, the same course of approximating has to be followed, although in quite a few branches reliable figures can be secured.