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R. BAKER, grocer, Main Street, Winnipeg, has sold out.

GEO. LINDSAY, grocer, Rapid City, has assigned in trust.

WM. FURNIVAL, who has been carrying on a small grocery business in Winnipeg, has been closed out.

WINNIPEG Dominion Savings Bank withdrawals were \$2,153.34 in excess of deposits during the month of January.

MCLEOD & WHALEN, hotelkeepers, Manitoa, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued by George Whalen.

CHEESE factories are rapidly spreading over the Province, the latest addition being located at Nelson. Mr. Geo. K. Cummings will probably manage the concern.

THE Winnipeg *Sittings* has changed hands. There is a haziness about who is the new proprietor, it being reported that he is a prominent Winnipegger, who wishes to keep himself in the background. Mr. Geo. Brooks will still act as editor, and keep the journal as highly spiced as ever.

THE annual general meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade takes place to-day in the Board Room, when the secretary and treasurer's report for the past year will be submitted; also a report of the city's trade during the past year. Election of office bearers for 1885-6 will also take place.

THE Brunswick House, Winnipeg, has reached another change. J. A. Cowan & Co., the lessees, owing to business having fallen away very much, have closed out. The house was long one of the most popular second-class hotels in the city, but owing to frequent changes in management during the past year, its patronage has dwindled down to a very low ebb.

THE *North-West Farmer* has changed hands and is now the property of an embryo joint stock company composed of Messrs. W. Clark, L. K. Cameron, C. B. Keenleyside, A. J. Darch, J. A. Carman, W. F. Luxton and Acton Burrows. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000. The new office is in the Caldwell Block. Mr. Clark will retain the editorial control, assisted by Mr. Carman, while Mr. Keenleyside will act as business manager.

THE amount of revenue collected by the Inland Revenue Department for January was as follows:

Spirits	\$ 7,724 25
Tobaccos	2,313 72
Cigars	14 40
Malt	653 48
	<u>\$10,705 85</u>

CUSTOMS.

The following table shows the value of goods imported and entered for consumption, with duty collected, for the month of January, 1885.

Description.	1884. Value.	1885. Value.
Goods imported—		
Dutiable	\$74,463	\$ 94,908
Free	12,839	15,059
Total imported ..	<u>\$87,502</u>	<u>\$109,967</u>
Goods entered for consumption—Dutiable,	\$81,863	\$101,210
Free	12,839	15,059
Total for consumption	<u>\$94,702</u>	<u>\$116,269</u>
Goods exported ..	\$20,842	17,578
Duty collected January, 1884 ..	\$18,931 21	
" " 1885 ..		27,330 26

G. F. LUNDY, hotelkeeper, Pilot Mound and Nelson, has sold out his Pilot Mound house to James Fraser, and will continue to run his Nelson establishment only.

THE city assessment was completed and notices posted Saturday evening last to an estimated population of between 19 and 20,000. Last year the assessment was over \$27,000,000; this year a cut was made to \$20,000,000. Financiers have now a chance to rejoice.

MR. L. KELLY, the principal director of the Winnipeg and Northwest Petroleum Co., is at present in the city. We understand that work is to be immediately commenced on the property of the company near Calgary, and that the machinery together with a number of experienced foil workers would soon be engaged in active operations. Oil is expected to be obtained at a depth of 300 feet.

MR. A. C. KILLAM, M.P.P., barrister, Winnipeg, has been appointed to the judgeship made vacant by the death of Mr. Justice Smith. The appointment will give general satisfaction in commercial circles. Mayor Hamilton is talked of as his successor for South Winnipeg in the Legislature, and it is also rumoured that the attorney-general's portfolio awaits His Worship in case of his election. Mr. Hamilton is well fitted for both positions, but it is to be hoped that the ratepayers of Winnipeg will not lose his valuable services during the present year.

ON Friday afternoon a meeting of Winnipeg wholesale merchants was held in the Board of Trade rooms to consider the discriminating freight rates against Winnipeg by the C.P.R. Exactly what transpired has not yet been made public, but we understand that very strong and determined grounds have been taken by the merchants, and arrangements were made to send a deputation to Montreal to lay before the General Manager and Directors of the road an ultimatum on the subject. Should no concession be made by the latter a determined fight on this question may be looked for during the coming spring and summer, as the merchants have their arrangements completed to bring in the imports of the season by southern railroads and river, independent of the C.P.R., and they will have powerful corporations behind them in the fight.