

The 87 are divided as follows: In grain, grain products and milling, nine; in groceries and provisions, sixteen; in dry goods and clothing, eight; in lumber and lumber manufactures, including furniture, twelve; in hardware, metals and stoves, ten; in farm machinery, seven; in boots and shoes, harness and leather goods, four; and miscellaneous, nineteen.

In 1884 the grocery and provision trade showed the largest aggregate of business, but this year it has to give place to grain, grain products and milling, which comes to the front with an aggregate business of \$3,518,452, divided as follows: Wheat, 3,455,400 bushels, at a cost of \$2,033,600; oats, 599,450 bushels at a cost of \$259,860; barley, flax and other grains and seeds to a value of \$141,100; flour, 474,160 bags at a value of \$923,892; oatmeal, bran, shorts, chopped grain and other grain products of a value of \$160,000.

Groceries and provisions although taking a second place during 1885, show an increase in aggregate over 1884, and figure up to \$3,397,846.

The third in the list in 1884 was the lumber trade, but in 1885 that place is taken by dry goods and clothing, with an aggregate business of \$1,594,450.

Lumber and lumber manufactures take the fourth place with an aggregate of \$1,257,000, and are very closely followed by hardware, metals and stoves with a total of \$1,226,000.

Farm machinery takes the sixth place with a total of \$1,064,327, while there is quite a wide gap between that and the next on the list, namely, boots and shoes, harness and leather goods which foot up to \$517,000.

The remaining nineteen houses are spread over a number of branches, including paints and oils, stationery, crockery and glassware, wines and liquors, fruits, etc., and they show an aggregate business for the year of \$1,263,000.

Thus the aggregate wholesale trade of the past year foots up to \$13,848,075 or \$372,023 short of that of 1884, which reached \$14,220,098.

This deficiency is made up as follows: Lumber shows a decrease of \$1,302,300; hardware of \$277,273; farm machinery