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WINNIPEG, JANUARY 6, 1884.

MISS MENZIES, milliner, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

MRS. O'LEARY, milliner, Winnipeg, has assigned in trust.

W. WHITEHEAD & Co., druggists, Winnipeg, have assigned in trust.

The legal firm of James & Robertson, Portage la Prairie, have dissolved.

The Ogilvie Milling Co. have stopped buying grain at Portage la Prairie for the present.

T. J. E. SCOONES, jeweler and auctioneer, Winnipeg, contemplates giving up the jewelry business.

WM. CLEAVER is buying hogs at Portage la Prairie for Winnipeg pork packers; the price paid is 5jc.

SEVERAL car loads of fish have recently been shipped from Westbourne for points in the United States.

THE M. & N. W. Ry. are shipping large quantities of ties to the end of the track for construction in the spring.

The furniture stock of Bishop & Shelton, Winnipeg, has been sold at 42c on the dollar.

H. ARMSTRONG, general storekeeper, Portage la Prairie, has sold out his business to G. L. Lundy, and gone to Ontario.

A. J. OSMENT, general storekeeper, Indian Head, has formed a partnership with K. Freeman, under the style of Osment & Freeman.

BESIDES the lull in business affairs usually created by the holidays, quite a number of town and municipal elections have taken place throughout the province during the past week, and this has added to the dearth of trade news.

THURSDAY last being New Year's Day, the usual holiday was observed throughout the province. In Winnipeg, at least, ninety per cent. of the business houses were closed, and those open were mainly hotels, restaurants, tobacconists and such like.

THE Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Winnipeg civic scandals have suspended their sittings since the late Council repudiated their appointment. The members of the Commission are justly incensed at men who signed a requisition for such a commission and afterwards repudiated it.

The following is a statement showing the value of goods entered for consumption and duty collected during the month of December, 1884, compared with the same month of 1883:

	1883.	1884.
Goods imported dutiable ..	\$85,906	\$128,939
“ “ free	13,893	17,961
Total imported .. .	\$99,799	\$146,900
Goods entered for consumption, dutiable and free ..	\$106,205	\$114,337
Goods exported	18,898	10,692

DUTY COLLECTED.

December, 1883.....	\$23,680 15
“ 1884.....	23,320 88

INLAND REVENUE.

The collections in the Winnipeg division of the Inland Revenue Department for December were:

Tobacco.....	\$ 2,107 38
Spirits	10,288 54
Malt	158 95

Total \$12,554 88
The total collections for the calendar year amounted to \$145,392.32.

A LOCAL daily paper gives currency to the rumor that an eastern syndicate, with a capital of \$1,500,000, has been formed for the purpose of purchasing city, town and farm property in Manitoba that may be sacrificed for taxes.

THE members of the Winnipeg City Council for 1885 met at noon yesterday, and had the oath of office administered to them by City Clerk Brown. The different committees were afterwards formed, and the chairman of each elected as follows: Finance, Ald. Carruthers; Board of Works, Ald. Crowe; Fire, Water and Light, Ald. Young; License and Police, Ald. Pearson; Market, Ald. McDonald; Health and Relief, Ald. Campbell; Property, Ald. Crotty. The selection should give general satisfaction.

COMPLAINTS are now becoming numerous against the extortionate rates charged by the Bell Telephone Company in the city of Winnipeg. It does seem that \$60 is an outrageous yearly charge in this city where several hundred people are now using the telephone. There are rumors of another company being floated in this city, but the path of such an opposition company will not be very clear, as our late City Council, among other blockheaded blunders, handed over the whole electric arrangements of the city to the Bell Telephone Co. Of course this was done on the score of economy, but it gives the Bell Company a monopoly with which they can crush out opposition, unless from a wealthy company looking for glory and not profit.

YESTERDAY William Cummings, a Winnipeg merchant, was fined \$10 and costs for exposing partridges for sale, the Game laws prohibiting their sale after January 1st. The fact that the birds in question were killed before the date of closing could not save Mr. Cummings, as the law imposes the penalty for exposing them for sale, while any person may have a car load frozen and stowed away for his own use. This anomalous law, we understand, is based upon the wisdom (?) of a cliquo of empty-headed dudes who designate themselves the Manitoba Game and Fish Protection Club. The law at one time imposed a penalty for having such birds in possession, but it had to be amended to suit the Club, and its provisions directed against the trader only, leaving the sport out.