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### COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Kansas has already had snow storms of unusual severity.

Alvey Morden, founder of the town of Morden, Man., is dead.

The yield of potatoes in the district about Kingston, Ont., this year, is 200 bushels per acre.

Subscriptions enough to cover the Russian loan, it is reported, have already been received by the Hoskirs.

The commissioners of the western Traffic Association have broken the Union Pacific Northwestern agreement.

It is semi-officially announced that the Russian Government has no intention of prohibiting the exportation of wheat.

It is said that the Government will draw up another set of regulations for the better carrying on of the cattle export trade.

Remarkable threshing results are reported from the Northwest. As high as 58 bushels of wheat per acre were obtained in some places.

Mr. E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, has returned to Montreal from his trip to Manitoba and British Columbia.

The value of the cutlery exports from Sheffield to the United States during the

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The Kamloops Electric Light Co., incorporated at last session of the Legislature, took over on the 1st Oct. the plant run by Mr. J. E. Saucier. The demand for light is much better than had been expected by the company, and already the plant is running to its utmost capacity. An additional dynamo will have to be put in to meet the demand.

### THE RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS.

The Toronto Empire has the following regarding the contemplated treaty arrangements between Canada and the United States:

It is a matter of sincere regret that the cause for delay in the reciprocity negotiations at Washington is the continued illness of the Hon. James G. Blaine, American Secretary of State. While, however, we are disposed to look forward with pleasure to the time when Mr. Blaine's health will permit a resumption of the

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consideration of our trade relations, it must be remembered that Canada is not afraid of the consequences of such negotiations or of our future commercial outlook.

Whether a treaty upon a fair and honorable basis be finally arranged or not will depend more upon the position assumed by the United States than by Canada. Our sentiments in connection with the matter are too well known to require extended description, and up to the present time all indications are that the American Government is disposed to negotiate a just and satisfactory treaty. Reciprocity seems indeed to be the motto of the present Administration, and it will be strange, indeed, if a good result does not flow from the proposed exchange of views whenever it takes place. Of course the Canadian Opposition may by its unpatriotic conduct injure seriously the negotiations. If it should continue its apparent mission of proving that only unlimited free trade with the States will save our country from ruin worse than the fall of Pompeii, the American politicians cannot but consider as some of them do now, that it is only necessary to keep on the screws and we will soon give up everything—for very little.

However, we must hope that time and the continued general gladness of prosperous period will conduce to bring these agitators into a more patriotic frame of mind.