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COMMERCIAL SUMMARY.

Kingston is moving to secure the Provincial Fair next year.

Hatheway & Co., importers of merchandise at Boston, have failed. Liabilities \$10,000.

Toronto's city engineer recommends the trolley system for its new electric street railway.

The schooner Craftsman, which was supposed to be lost, has been towed into Owen Sound harbor and is all right.

Four vessels have just sailed from Charlottetown, P.E.I., carrying 230,000 bushels of oats for the British markets.

The exports from Halifax in October and November this year show an increase of \$210,000 over the same months last year.

The Canadian Government has instructed collectors of customs at maritime province ports to collect duty on fish from Newfoundland.

The Erie Railroad has lifted the boycott against the Chicago and Alton, and will hereafter accept the latter's tickets and checks.

Sir Roderick Cameron has been gazetted as resident commissioner for the colony of New South Wales to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893.

The Pennsylvania and Chicago and Grand Trunk Railways have notified their western connections that they will no longer receive shipments of grain for consignment to points east from Chicago.

Passenger trains have begun running through the St. Clair tunnel.

The Beatty steamers Monarch and United Empire have laid up at Sarnia for the winter.

The John Dunlop silk mills at Paterson, N.J., were burned last week. Loss, \$100,000.

The Dominion Mineral Company, of Sudbury, have sold out their Blizzard and Worthington nickel mines to an English syndicate for \$2,000,000.

State Senator Durban, of Wyoming, says cattle thieves are running the ranching business in that State. He says he himself was compelled to close out a \$750,000 business in that State.

The United Association of Lumbermen met at St. Louis, Mo., last week. The object of the association is to protect the retail dealers and prevent sales by the manufacturers direct to consumers.

Governor Merriam, of Minnesota, has issued a circular letter setting forth the terrible destitution which exists in Russia and asking that people who are blessed with prosperity do all in their power to mitigate the sufferings of the starving Russians.

More sailors lost their lives on the great lakes during the marine season just closed than in any previous year since the lakes were navigated. In all 57 met their death, and most of this number were lost during November. Forty were lost from schooners and barges. Not a passenger, however, was lost.

Negotiations are in progress for a commercial treaty between France and Italy.

The increase in property valuation in Montreal for 1891 as compared with 1890 will amount to about \$4,000,000, thus bringing the total amount to about \$127,000,000.

Several of the English technical journals state that a large steel producing plant is now on its way to China, after being constructed at the Tees Side Iron and Engine Works Company, Limited, of Middlesbrough. It is a complete Bessemer plant, including two 5-ton converters, with cupolas, together with blowing engines, cranes and other pieces of machinery. There is likewise the entire machinery for a large rail mill, as well as for a plate and bar mill, together with about twenty puddling furnaces. Two large blast furnaces of the Cleveland type, capable of producing 100 tons of pig iron daily, with all the appliances, are in course of construction on the slope of the Hamyang Hills, opposite the city of Hankow. A foreign technical staff has been secured, and in the course of a few months it is anticipated that there will be produced in China plates and bars, steel rails, soft steel for ship plates, special plates, special metal for small arms and other classes of steel and iron. The works will cover some twenty acres, and the execution of the whole undertaking in all its details has been entrusted to the above-named Middlesbrough firm. An order for 2,000 tons of rails and sleepers was obtained in England some time back, and this is now stated to have been lately increased to 12,000 tons.—*Canadian Manufacturer.*