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THE broom-makers of the United States met on Tuesday, in St. Louis, for the purpose of organizing an international union.

RED cedar shingles from British Columbia are being sold by the carload in Eastern as well as Western Ontario.

AMMERST, N. S., is to have another factory, Christie Bros. & Co. having decided to start a trunk factory in connection with their casket and coffin business.

MABSHALL FIELD & Co.'s new cotton factory, in Fond du Lac, Wis., is completed, and the machinery has been put in operation.

A FACETIOUS retailer has a show case outside his door; among the shoes contained therein is the notice: "Burglars will observe we never put but one shoe of a pair in this case."

THE water in the Red River is receding slowly, and has now dropped about four feet below high water mark. St. Vincent is out of water, and Emerson is getting out .- Pembina Pioneer Press.

Kalso, the new boom town on Kootenay lake, now boasts of a newspaper, the first number of which was published on May 12. In keep. ing with the chief industry of the locality, it is called the Kalso Claim.



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WOBE on the Calgary and Kneehill Railway is to be begun in June. It will connect with Calgary the Knee Hills, about 60 miles northeast of that place. There is coal in the hills.

THE electric loom, which is being perfected at the Thomson Electric Welding Co.'s plant at West Lynn, Mass., is near completion, and will soon be ready to demonstrate another use to which electricity can be put.

LAST Saturday's Winnipeg Free Press says that Mr. Horatio F. Forrest, Chief Engineer of the Great Northwest Central Railway Company, has been appointed by the court there receiver and manager of the road, and has assumed control of the same.

A LAWYER in St. Thomas has obtained leave from the Master-in-Chambers at Osgoode Hall, to appeal against the decision of Justice Galt, quashing the by-law passed by that city council granting the Bell Telephone Co. an ex. clusive franchise of the streets for five years.

THE Buctouche and Moncton Railway is again advertised to be sold, this time on 3rd August, by order of the Supreme Court in equity, at the suit of the Central Trust Company of New York against the Buctouche and Moncton Railway Company, and others.



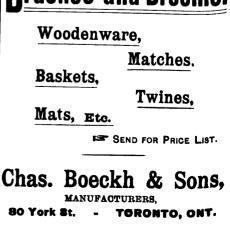
## Mercantile Summary.

Construction work on the Gatineau Valley Railway, north of the Kazabazua river, has commenced. It is forty miles from Kazabazua to the River Desert, the objective point of the railway at present.

Some time ago a firm in Lynn set to work to ascertain how quickly a pair of shoes could be made in their factory. The time was twenty-four minutes. This record has been beaten by Harney Bros., who] have manufactured a pair of button boots in fifteen minutes and fifty-five seconds. This included the buttoning and packing.

Five freight steamships owned in Glasgow compose the Columbia Line, which is the name of a new steamship company which has established a fortnightly service between Antwerp and the St. Lawrence. It is run under the high patronage of the Belgian Government, and the "Louisania," 2000 tons, is the first of the fleet to arrive in Montreal. She has discharged a general cargo of 2,500 tons, and will be followed by the "Glengoil," another vessel of the line now en route. It is the intention to carry a general cargo and some passengers from Antwerp and return with freight and cattle. Next season the Star says they will cater for cabin passengers as well.

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