## Mercantile Summary.

SEVERAL hundred men are at work building the Spanish River Pulp Co.'s mills.

SEVERAL large broom manufacturers in Canada are forming an amalgamation into one concern.

ANOTHER steamer is to be built for a daily service on the Rideau, between Kingston and Ottawa.

A BY-LAW to grant the Berlin, Preston and Hamilton electric railway $25,000 for the completion of their road has been defeated by the people of Berlin.

IT is said that the Ontario Government has made a provisional agreement with Elder, Dempster & Co. to convey emigrants to Ontario at the former's expense.

THE White Pass and Yukon railway will probably put on a fleet of freight steamers to work in connection with its railway to handle freight consigned to Dawson from Skagway.

Two jetties are being built at Port Burwell, and several other harbor improvements are being carried on there with a view to the admission of vessels drawing 18 feet of water.

A NEW twin-screw steamer, the "Ionian," 8,070 tons, has been launched at Belfast, for use by the Allan Line for mail and passenger service between Liverpool and Montreal.

MESSRS. Thomas, of Norwich, propose to establish in St. Thomas a factory for the manufacture of brooms, brushes, washboards and other woodenware. They ask the city to grant them a bonus of $20,000, water at cost, and exemption from general taxation for ten years. In return they agree to erect two solid brick buildings, two stories in height, 200 feet long and 40 feet wide, and will employ 100 hands.

IN the action brought by some Toronto hotel-keepers to decide as to some disputed points in assessments the Court decided that the only household goods in a hotel exempt from taxation are those in personal use by the hotel-keeper and his family. Their contention that it was unfair to assess a hotel-keeper for his personality and then also assess him for the income derived from his personality was sustained.

ON the 12th inst. Collingwood was en fete owing to the launching from the Collingwood Shipbuilding Company's yards, of the steamship "Huronic," built for the Northwest Transportation Co., of Sarnia. The new and handsome vessel is classed A1, with a star, for twenty years, and is 325 feet long over all, 306 feet between perpendiculars, 43 beam by 27 moulded depth. She has accommodation for 250 cabin passengers, besides considerable for steerage. Immediately after the launch of the "Huronic," the keel was laid for a large new steel freight vessel for Mr. Clergue of Sault Ste. Marie.