

SHOE AND LEATHER ITEMS.

We are told that the differences between Mr. Wm. Marsh, of Quebec, and his lasters will probably be settled this week. "On Saturday," says our informant, "after taking counsel with some of the labor societies and the priests of St. Roch's and St. Sauveur, they offered to return to work at the reduced wages offered by Mr. Marsh." Western manufacturers are wondering what will become of them if the wages paid in Quebec shoe factories are to reach a lower basis.

Improvements are being made to the factory of the Berlin Felt Boot Co., and considerable new machinery is being added to the plant.

The new factory of Messrs. Sequin, Lalime & Co., at St. Hyacinthe, is now ready for occupation. It is a handsome structure and replete with all the machinery necessary to make good footwear.

Culver, Brooks & Co., London, Eng., in their latest circular, say of leather: "The demand for English tannages has been very quiet, and prices continue to shrink without extending the volume of business. East India leather has met a steady enquiry, but values have only been maintained by the reduced supplies. Australian sides have sold very slowly, existing low rates failing to tempt buyers to operate largely." The circular from which we make further extracts indicates quiet markets for English, South American, East Indian, Australasian and Cape leather, skins and hides.

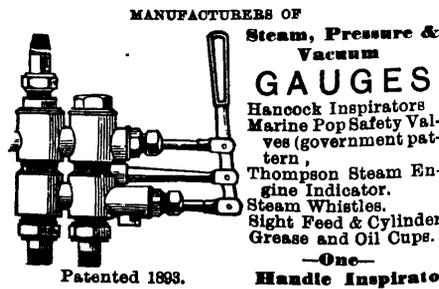
This warm weather is bringing customers to the shoe stores. And we all know something was needed to bring them. What with a never-ceasing cry of hard times and a certainty of rain every day in the week, trade had fallen into an unenviable state. But now that people are looking for shoes, see that they buy them from you. Don't slaughter prices. You may have to do it before the season is over, but in June goods should be sold at a profit.

INSURANCE MATTERS.

Alderman Stevenson, of Montreal, has received word from the secretary of the Fire Chiefs' Convention that he expects that there will be about one thousand persons at the coming convention in that city.

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The transportation committee of the Chicago Life Underwriters' Association has secured reduced rates for delegates to the National Association held in that city this week. The rates by the trunk lines are one and one-third fares on the certificate plan.

WHAT NOT TO DO.

To know thy bent, and then pursue,  
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