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## Mercantile Summary.

**DAVID SCHAEFFER**, one of several brothers, heretofore doing a peddling business in and about Edmunston, N.B., and for years keeping store in that town, is reported as compromising liabilities of about \$4,000 at 35 cents on the dollar. The assignment is reported from St. John, N.B., of O. J. Emery, a small grocer.

THAT there has been this year a decided improvement in Toronto real estate is shown by a statement which has been prepared by the Building Inspector showing the following classification of new buildings, erected in 1898, up to November 30th: 153 brick dwellings, \$447,300; 132 alterations and additions to brick dwellings, \$80,885; 35 rough-cast dwellings, \$29,350; 49 rough-cast alterations and additions, \$15,015; 25 stores and offices, \$84,550; 51 alterations and additions, \$43,230; 33 factories, \$247,000; 23 alterations and additions to factories, \$91,590; 23 warehouses and additions, \$211,200; 7 churches and additions, \$23,600; 15 schools and additions, \$124,300; 3 colleges and additions, \$57,200; 7 hotels and additions, \$54,000; 2 theatres and additions, \$27,000; 2 banks, \$13,000; 1 House of Industry addition, \$15,000; one hospital addition, \$4,000; 37 stables and sheds, \$34,760. Total to November, \$1,633,380. The increases over last year are most marked in brick dwellings, factories and warehouses, the two latter being nearly four times the number of last year.

We are informed of country failures in the Province of Quebec, as follows: A voluntary assignment has been made by A. Demers & Co., general dealers at Chambly, with liabilities of \$3,400, and assets estimated at \$1,800; the estate is to be wound up.—H. L. P. Robert, general merchant, Lachine, has also voluntarily abandoned his estate. He succeeded his father, O. P. Robert, who failed in 1896.—L. Lehouliere, shoemaker, Grande Mere, who removed thither from Batis-can in January last, has assigned.—On demand of Jos. Hamel & Co., Quebec, an assignment has been made by Anthime Jacques, of Lotbiniere. Coming from the United States, he started as a peddler some years ago, eventually settling down to a small general store business, with a stock of about \$1,000.—F. X. St. Jean, of St. Barnabe, also a returned emigre from the United States, is a harness maker, who, besides following his trade, also ran a small general store. He now finds himself in deep water, and is trying to arrange a compromise with his creditors at 50 cents on the dollar, liabilities being about \$4,000.—Thomas Ray, of St. Jude, has been obliged to assign his sawmill business, on demand. His indebtedness is put at about \$8,000, with assets nominally estimated at about \$5,000.—E. A. Cote, for many years in the general store business at Papineauville, has made a voluntary assignment, with liabilities of about \$11,000. He is reported as being a rather liberal dispenser of credit, and his position has not been an easy one for several years past.

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