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Mercantile Summary.

A LETTER from Greenwood, states that plans are maturing for the early construction of the proposed railway from Vernon to Midway. This road is practically an extension of the present Shuswap & Okanogan Railway, and will form the connecting link between that branch and the Columbia & Western Railway, starting as it will from Vernon, and running via Mission Valley, Mission Creek, West Fork of Kettle River down to Midway, the present western terminus of the last-mentioned railway.

THE province of Quebec furnishes its quota to the weekly failure list, as follows: The farmer-trader is much in evidence in the list: Isidore Dion, baker, at St. Johns, has assigned, voluntarily. He has been in poor health for years the business management being relegated to his sons, who have shown poor ability.—After a dozen years' experience as a drug clerk in Montreal, E. A. Ransom started for himself in Lachine about four years ago, but has not been able to achieve success, and has assigned, owing about \$4,000.—A voluntary assignment has been made by J. B. Douville & Co., who were general dealers, St. Stanislas de Champlain. Mr. Douville was unsuccessful in 1899, and has since done business in his wife's name.—Adelard Many, was started in general storekeeping at St. Sebastien in 1898, by his father, a well-to-do farmer. He had no previous business experience, and possessing little natural aptitude, his assignment now, on demand, does not create much surprise. Liabilities are estimated at \$5,000 to \$6,000.—Joseph Morneau, a saw-mill man, at Notre Dame du Lac, is reported to be embarrassed principally due to a fire which destroyed his mill several weeks ago.—After a very brief business career, hardly a year, in fact, Omer Maheu, general dealer, St. Odilon de Cranbourne, has assigned to the prothonotary of the district. He was previously a farmer, and apparently a man of some education, being secretary to the school commissioners, but in business experience he was entirely lacking.—Joseph Parent, who in 1898 bought out a general store business at Rimouski, is reported assigned, with liabilities approximated at \$7,000. He is said to have been unsuccessful in business in Quebec some years ago, and again at Notre Dame de Rimouski, after which he went farming, and tilled the soil before again attempting business, as above indicated.—Marie Felicite Normandeau, wife of F. Perreault, of the same town, has assigned. Her husband failed in 1898, and has since being doing a small, slow business, under cover of her name.—J. H. Frigon, who kept a store at St. Tite, has assigned, with liabilities of \$3,300, and the assets are to be sold on the 7th inst. He went to that place in 1895, and was shortly afterwards mixed up in the failure of a brother, which has always since affected his credit, more or less, (probably less, for he got \$3,300 credit).—Alfred Lamontague, a Quebec confectioner, in a small way, is reported failed, with small local liabilities.

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