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It is only reasonable that if industrial companies employ children in factories they must be held responsible for any harm which may happen such children. This principle was laid down last week at Montreal by Mr. Justice Gill in rendering judgment in the case of J. P. Beaune, tutor for his minor son, Eugene Beaune, against the Merchants' Cotton Company, for \$1,999.99. for injuries sustained by the boy, which injuries will be permanent. The boy was 13 years and 5 months old on August 11. 1898, when he was employed along with other lads in the company's factory, in cleaning the machinery of cotton waste and other rubbish. The boy had been given some summary instructions in the work which was required of him by one of the assistant foremen, and then placed to work under a lad two years older than himself. While cleaning some machinery, his hand was caught and crushed. Taking all the circumstances of the case into considerar tion, and the fact that the lad will not lose the entire use of his hand, the Court assessed the damages at \$850, and costs, and rendered judgment accordingly.

A VERY considerable business has been done of late years in the export of maple blocks from Canada to the Old Country. Some twenty years ago, when this business was started, the first shipment was 6,000 blocks. But during the present year there will have gone out of Canada probably 150,-000 maple blocks. Much of this hard maple comes from the counties of Huron, Bruce and Grey, and is used among other things for washing-machine rollers.

One more mistaken step by a farmer. who is dazzled by commercial life and turns merchant: S. B. Paton came off the farm in 1897, and started storekeeping at Oxford, N.S. He had no experience in selling or buying goods, and is not said to have shown any particular business aptitude. A few days ago he wrote his creditors that he had made a loss, and proposed a settlement at 50 cents in the dollar. There seems some local question about the loss claimed, and Mr. Paton may have difficulty in getting the settlement asked.

THE lesser Montreal failures for the week are as follows: A. Lapointe, saloonkeeper demand of assignment.—Lindsay Pillar, doing a small commission and agency business, in the name of his wife, has assigned to the Court; liabilities being scheduled at \$2,537.—A. Pelchat, men's furnishings, is reported absent, and a meeting of creditors is called for the 11th inst.—A voluntary assignment is made by Bergeron & Frere, grocers, in which firm Mrs. Eugene Bergeron is the only registered partner. Mr. Bergeron failed before in 1897.—Another grocery failure is that of Wm. Rourke, who has filed consent to assign. He has been a long time in business, but with very indifferent results, having been reported unsuccessful on several former occasions .--- J. U: Hainault, also in a small suburban grocery way, and before reported as in trouble, has assigned, and shows liabilities of \$1,100,

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