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Mercantile Summary.

R. McLENNAN, in the tinsmithing busi-
ness at Alexandria, Ont., and who has re-
cently been sued by several creditors, has
assigned. He owes about \$2,000.

ORESTES P. FRASER, of Ecum Secum
Bridge, N.S., employed as a game over-
seer by some Halifax gentlemen, and also
carrying on a small lumbering business
for himself, has assigned, and owes \$4,000.

MESSRS. J. P. Verret, L. Cliche, and F.
X. Drouin, Jr., carrying on a retail dry
goods business at Quebec, under the
style "A La Mode," have assigned, with
an indebtedness figured at \$13,000. The
business dates back about five years, and
has never panned out very well. In Janu-
ary last they compromised at 75 cents.

THE Montreal druggist, T. E. Barbeau,
lately reported failed, has arranged a com-
promise at 50 cents.—M. Gauvin, an
East End grocer, who lately encountered
the inland revenue officers, in connection
with irregular liquor business, has made
a private assignment, and the estate is be-
ing closed out.—G. Thouin & Co., who
started a saloon in Montreal this spring,
coming from Repentigny, have been asked
to assign.—A voluntary assignment has
been made by Rene Leduc, a small gro-
cer, in the St. Henri suburbs.

A SOMEWHAT important country failure,
and we are told the first directly attri-
butable to the suspension of La Banque
Ville Marie, is reported from La Baie,
Que., J. N. Duguay & Co., general mer-
chants, etc., of that place, having assigned
to the court on demand. Mr. Duguay
has always been a leading business man
in his locality, and besides carrying on a
general store business, has had the sale
of the product of a number of cheese fac-
tories, known as the "Blue Star" Com-
bination. He also manufactured wire
fencing, and some years ago carried on
a cigar factory, in which Canadian leaf
was employed. He became widespread
and embarrassed in 1896, failing with
liabilities of \$36,000. He made an offer
of 20 cents, which was not accepted, and
the assets were bought in with the assist-
ance of the bank, which was the largest
creditor, and the business continued, with
his son Robert as the registered pro-
prietor. What the present liabilities are
has not yet been ascertained.

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