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Mercantile Summary.

E. Duval, a shoe dealer in a limited way, Quebec, has been closed up, and stock will be sold by auction

Another Quebec retail grocer-Michael Carroll—has suspended. Liabilities are \$3,000 odd, with good assets of about \$1,300.

J. E. MONTGOMERY, a tailor, of Albert, N.B., has left the limits, leaving debts behind him of \$3,000, and available assets of \$1,000 only.

AIRD & St. JEAN, one of the minor shoe manufacturing concerns of Montreal, running principally on children's cacks, &c., are in trouble. They have called a meeting of their creditors. and it is expected will assign.

Among the cargo of the wrecked Cedar Grove was 100 tons of bone charcoal, intended for the Halifax Sugar Refinery Company, and estimated to be worth \$100 per ton. There was insurance upon it in the Halifax fire office for \$5,000, and in the Atlantic for a similar amount.

THE out-put of the Springhill coal mines this year is stated to exceed that of any other Nova Scotia mine. The St. John Globe declares it will exceed 200,000 tons, and the orders are in excess of the supply. A new colliery (the third) was last week opened on what is known as the 13 feet seam.

A Three Rivers grocer, by name J. L. Marcoux, has come to grief. His stock, &c., was sold by the sheriff last week, realizing about \$600; but after paying law costs, &c., there will be \$50 left to divide among creditors left out in the cold who represent \$1,300. Gratifying! very! as Alf. Jingle, Esq., would remark.

THE creditors in the cases of A. Ledoux & Co. and Cartier & Co., the brief-lived dry goods concerns of St. Johns, Que., whose troubles we have alluded to at length in our last two issues, have decided to summarily wind up the estates, declining all offers of settlement. A few more commendable decisions of the kind will have a salutary effect.

J. D. GRAVES, of Waterloo, Que., is a young man, who after studying several years to fit himself for the ministry, thought that he could acquire more of this world's goods behind the counter than in the pulpit, and so embarked in business. This was two years ago: to-day his store is closed, stock being under seizure, and the prospects are that his business career is about to be cut short.

THE stock of Toussaint & frere, Quebec, whose troubles we alluded to in last issue, has been advertised to be sold by the sheriff. The wholesale grocery trade of the Ancient Capital, heretofore long-suffering and lenient in their methods of dealing with defaulting customers, have evidently found it did not pay, and have seemingly adopted a policy characterized by sharp, decisive action, for a good proportion of recently failed retailers have been summarily closed up.