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Mercantile Summary.

As a sequence to a judgment recently obtained against her by a Montreal house, for \$285, Mrs. C. Charron, milliner, Ottawa, has assigned.

THE death is announced, at the age of 72, of Mr. William Denoon, long a merchant of Montreal, and formerly of the wholesale dry goods firm of Mc-Intyre, Denoon & French.

THE trial trip of the new Richelieu & Ontario passenger steamer, "Toronto," was made from this city to Oakville and return on Tuesday last. It was very satisfactory to the company's representative, Mr. Gildersleeve, as well as to other invited guests on board. The "Toronto" has triple expansion engines. After the trip Mr. Gildersleeve said : "She has fully met the expectations of the builders, and far exceeded the guaranteed performance, both in point of speed and the low fuel consumption. Over a measured course she maintained a speed of nearly twenty miles per hour. The indicated horse-power was 1,900 pounds per hour and her wheels made 36½ turns to the minute. The new steamer does very great credit to her builders, the Bertram Engine Works Company.

HERE is another instance of the unwisdom, to put it mildly, of going into business without experience thereof. J. E. Maranda, formerly a clerk in a Montreal real estate office, went to St. Ours, Que., and engaged in general storekeeping a year ago last spring. He was also agent for the Richelieu & Ontario Co.'s steamboats, and everybody thought he had a fair chance, but now we hear he has made a voluntary assignment, with But experience liabilities of \$5,500. alone, without some degree of business aptitude and judgment, is not of much avail. Witness the case of J. N. Duguay, of Fraserville, Que. He had been clerking some ten years, and started a general business, about a year ago, with small capital of his own, and the assistance or friends, and now he has assigned, with assets put at about \$7,000, and stock estimated at \$6,500. Apparently he is one of those who "didn't know how."

Consent to assign has been filed by A. R. Archambault, engaged in the piano trade in Montreal. He originally was in the grocery business, became well-todo, and sold out some years ago. his present line he has not been so fortunate; some recent outside speculations and endorsements have led up to a demand of assignment.---Israel Vineberg & Co., doing a clothing business in Montreal, with a branch at St. Hyacinthe, are in trouble, and with the assistance of relatives have arranged a compromise at 25 per cent., and will go out of business. This step may be deemed a wise one in view of their poor business record. Mr. V. was first in business in Cornwall, in partnership with a brother, which firm was unsuccessful. Removing to Montreal, he started under his wife's name, but failed a year or so ago, and latterly has been using a son's name. The present liabilities are about \$8,000

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