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Mercantile Summary.

FROM Sherbrooke, Que., we hear of two
grocery failures, E. L. Denis & Co., only
started there last spring. Mr. Denis hav-
ing removed from Lachine, where he had
failed in the fall of 1898, with liabilities
of \$8,400, getting no settlement.—E. M.
Blanchard had a somewhat longer record,
having done a small business some six
years, but has assigned on demand of a
local firm.

C. I. GRENIER, Montreal, corset manu-
facturer, is making an offer of 20 cents.
He owes \$28,000.—The liabilities of R.
W. Webb & Co., druggists, Montreal, re-
ported failed last week, foot up to some
\$14,000. Mr. Webb, Sr., figuring as a
creditor for \$8,000 odd. The stock will
barely pay the rent, it is said, and the
only other item of assets is a lot of
doubtful book assets.—J. H. Fleury,
also of Montreal, formerly clerk with a
wholesale furniture house, began business
as a retailer in the same line last April,
and is already in the hands of the as-
signee.

QUITE a little run of failures is re-
ported among Montreal boot and shoe
men during the past week, but they are
mostly among small retailers. One East
End manufacturer of modest calibre, C.
Charron by name, has gone to the wall,
but his troubles are mainly due to the
suspension of the Ville Marie Bank,
whose liquidators have made a demand
of assignment upon an apparent claim of
\$53,000, which, however, is believed to be
much exaggerated, and which is being
investigated, but in the meantime he has
filed consent to assign. His direct mer-
chandise liabilities are stated at only
\$5,000 to \$6,000.—Joseph Hillman, re-
tailer, has assigned, owing \$3,200.—A
demand in insolvency has been made up-
on A. Demers & Co.; Mrs. Demers, re-
gistered owner.—J. Corcoran, who in
March, 1898, compromised liabilities of
\$4,200 at 30 cents, is also reported insol-
vent.—J. A. Mooney, formerly in
leather, and who went in the boot and
shoe line several years ago, making a
specialty of buying bankrupt stocks, and
having branches in different suburbs of
the city, has become embarrassed, and is
seeking a settlement at 35 cents; liabilities
reach about \$10,000.

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