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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 having 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 manufacturer, is making an offer of 20 cents. He owes \$28,000.—The liabilities of R. W. Webb & Co., druggists, Montreal, reported 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 assignee.

QUITE a little run of failures is reported 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 merchandise liabilities are stated at only \$5,000 to \$6,000.—Joseph Hillman, retailer, has assigned, owing \$3,200.—A demand in insolvency has been made upon A. Demers & Co.; Mrs. Demers, registered owner.—J. Corcoran, who in March, 1898, compromised liabilities of \$4,200 at 30 cents, is also reported insolvent.—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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