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## Mercantile Summary.

THE embarrassment is reported of the retail fur and hat firm of Dubuc, Desautels & Co., Montreal. Mr. F. X. Dubuc being the only partner. A statement is being prepared for the consideration of the creditors. Liabilities are estimated at about \$17,000.

A WINDING-UP order has been applied for and granted, in the matter of the Pratte Piano Co., Limited, Montreal. The company was formed in 1895, with an authorized capital of \$200,000, to take over the business of L. E. N. Pratte, who had established for himself a reputation of turning out high-class instruments, in novel and artistic cases of his own designing. Sales of pianos, however, have been slow, and expenses high, and it has been deemed advisable to take some action towards reorganization in the general interests of creditors and shareholders.

MINOR Montreal business troubles for the week are as follows: L. Kort, tailor, has assigned, owing \$1,500.—N. Daimais, tobacco, reported last week as failed, offers 40 cents. L. Mantha, who began a small tailoring business last spring, is reported an absentee, and the stock is under seizure.—J. Brodeur & Co., in retail dry goods business about a year, have assigned. They owe \$3,300, nominal assets, \$2,800.—S. Senecal, men's furnishings, whose case was alluded to last week, has now assigned. His wife files a claim for \$3,345, and general liabilities are about \$4,000.—Pelodeau & Tessier, a contracting firm, have assigned, owing \$4,200.

J. H. BRODEUR, general dealer at Varennes, Que., reported in trouble last week, has since assigned to the court. He owes only \$1,670.—Alphonse Bernier, a general merchant, Cap St. Ignace, Que., whose stock has been under seizure recently, at the instance of a Montreal firm, has now assigned.—Z. Harvey, of St. Hilarion, in the far off Saguenay district, was a farmer, and a couple of years ago started a small general store business, with the result usual in such cases. Several suits have been taken out against him during the past few months, and he is now trying to arrange at 35 cents in the dollar.

A SOMEWHAT important country failure is reported from St. Jean d'Eschailons, Que. A. Gaumond, general merchant, having assigned on demand. He was formerly a clerk in Quebec, with the old well-known wholesale firm of Chinic & Beaudet, and opened store for himself in the above village about the year 1893. He worked up quite a business, but was a liberal dispenser of credit, which eventually resulted in his failure about 1895, when he arranged a compromise of 25 cents. This apparently did not afford permanent relief, for he has been sued lately. His present liabilities are reported at \$30,000, with assets comparatively small.—A demand of assignment has been made upon Valiquette & Larivee, general dealers at Ste. Adele, Que., by Messrs. Carter, Galbraith & Co., Montreal. The firm is quite a young one, having been formed in succession of S. Valiquette sr. A Montreal accountant is making up a statement of affairs.—W. Ducharme, grocer at Magog, is offering 25 cents on the dollar.—The boom town of Grande Mere, Que., has lately furnished a considerable quota to the list of mercantile failures; another is just reported. J. F. Trottier, general merchant, has assigned. He was formerly a farmer of St. Stanislaus, and started business in that village, buying his experience therein pretty dearly, and seeking indulgence from creditors some six years ago. Since then he removed to Grande Mere, but has met with no better success. His liabilities are stated at about \$5,000, with assets of, say \$3,200.

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