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Mercantile Summary.

AN assignment has been made by the Prescott Electric Light Co., of Prescott, Ont., and a meeting of its creditors is fixed for December 3rd. The company is not an incorporated one, but an ordinary partnership, composed of Mrs. D. E. Carman and —Brouse. The liabilities are put at about \$10,000.

WORD comes from Cornwall that Mr. Hendershot, of Thorold, who had a sub-contract from the SooySmith Company, in connection with the building of the bridge piers, has secured a contract from the N. Y. & O. Co. to rip-rap the piers, as an additional security against the ice in winter.

A COUPLE of dry goods failures are to be noted in Montreal this week. A. P. Bertrand & Co., have been asked to assign, and a voluntary assignment has been made by J. N. Lalonde, doing a small suburban business. He began alone last spring, having been previously of the firm of Aumond & Lalonde, from which he withdrew about \$1,000.

J. R. LAMY, of Yamachiche, Que., is a farmer, whose father left him in very fair circumstances some few years ago. Not satisfied with sticking to the farm, he has been doing business as an agricultural implement agent, and lending his name to a brother-in-law in Montreal, he now finds himself in the insolvent court.

THE general store firm of Girard & Laforest, at Grande Mere, Que., has been a short-lived one, having only begun about a year ago. The directing spirit in the business was J. B. Laforest, who was previously at St. Perpetue, where he failed in the summer of 1897, from which he had no discharge, and he has had to use his wife's name in the present business.

Two small failures are reported from Ste. Anne des Monts, away down on the Gaspé Coast. M. A. Cote did a small store business, attended to principally by a daughter, while he worked for a lumbering firm. The business has turned out badly, and he assigns, owing about \$1,500.—E. E. Sasseville & Co., lumber jobbers and traders, have done likewise. They have been working under advances from a Quebec firm, and their liabilities are all in that city.

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