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Mercantile Summary.

A MONTREAL jobber in cigars and tobacco, J. Falardeau, lately noted as insolvent, has made his creditors an offer of 20 cents on the dollar, which has not been entertained.

SPEAKING of heroes, says The Boston Herald, the workingman in a Jersey City shop who, when it was found that he had smallpox, walked 13 miles to a pesthouse rather than expose others to contagion, comes pretty near being one.

At Icelandic River, Manitoba, K. Finsson, general dealer and operator of a saw-mill, has made an assignment. This man started business there in 1890 without much capital; later on he gave a chattel mortgage for \$1,500, and still later he lost a raft of logs. His assignment is now reported.

ALONG in the fall of 1895, E. C. Leblanc went from Hull to Mattawa, where he engaged in the saw-milling business. His means were small, and at no time since has he been known to be "ahead of the game," or "flush." In 1896, he gave a chattel mortgage for \$1,900. Last season logs failed to reach his mill in paying quantities, and finances becoming more and more involved, he has assigned.

In Keppel Township, Grey County, there is a small village named Shallow Lake, and in that village a widow, Annie Ward, has been trying to support herself by running a grocery store. When her husband died in 1899 he left her \$1,000 insurance money, which she invested in a stock of groceries. Last year she assigned, owing \$700 with assets of \$325. She has recently made another assignment.

THE retail dry goods firm of Authier Bros., Montreal, is reported insolvent, and an assignment has been made to Lanarche & Benoit. Mrs. Jos. O. Authier has been the registered owner of the business since November, 1894, her husband having failed under the same style in October of the same year. Of late he has been handling bankrupt stocks with apparently poor results, and is estimated to owe \$22,000, or thereabout.

FROM Sherbrooke is reported the failure of J. L. Vineberg & Co., leading clothiers of that place, who have been in business a dozen years, but with a very poor measure of success Vineberg first failed in 1891, owing \$16,000, and not getting a settlement he resumed business in his wife's name. Again in 1898, he became embarrassed, and was able to effect a compromise at 50 cents. though he first offered 40 cents in the dollar. His present liabilities are put down at \$10,234, and a relative in Montreal, who is a leading creditor, offers to pay the other creditors 50 cents, cash.

An assignment has been made by Mrs. Severe Langlois, keeping a general store at St. Samuel de Gayhurst, Que., her liabilities are stated at about \$4,000. Mr. D. S. Lippe, notary, of Lake Megantic, has been named provisional curator.

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