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#### Mercantile Summary.

A GROCER at Magog, Que., Ducharme, is reported assigned. R. C. Ducharme, the manager, and apparent owner of the business, has been reported as unfortunate on previous occasions.

THE affairs of P. McDonald & Co., general dealers at St. Justin de Newton, Que., have been undergoing investigation by a Montreal accountant, with the result that creditors are offered 40 cents on the dollar. Mr. McDonald was formerly in the dry goods business in Montreal, unsuccessfully, the firm being McDonald & Labelle.

THOMAS KINSELLA, beer bottler, Montreal, heretofore regarded in very comfortable shape, but who lately became involved, through the failure of W. J. O'Malley & Co., wholesale millinery, to which concern he loaned his name, has now assigned on demand. He is said to show liabilities amounting to \$70,000, of which \$20,000 is a dower claim of his wife.

PAMPHILE BEDARD, formerly a hardware clerk, began business for himself in Quebec in the spring of 1898. He has not proved successful, and being unable to compromise at 40 cents, he has assigned. -L. Klineberg & Co., dry goods, Ouebec, were reported last month as obtaining an extension, but are now asking creditors to accept 30 per cent. of their claims, payable in two, four, and six months, half secured.

FRED. G. GRUNDY has been in business in Lucknow about a quarter of a century, and for many years did a good general trade, buying mostly for cash, and at one time was considered worth from \$15,000 to \$20,000. During the last five years he has gradually given less attention to his affairs, and to a large extent his wife has guarded his interests. This week, we hear of his assignment, which, in view of all the circumstances, cannot be wondered at by those who knew him best.

For some years, Mr. William Harvey has been the representative in Manitoba of the London & Ontario Investment Company. He has made a very satisfactory record for himself in this capacity, popularizing both his company and himself. We learn with interest that Mr. Harvey has been appointed to the position of assistant-manager of the Winnipeg branch of the Canada Permanent and Western Canada Mortgage Corporation, which is the new loan company in which his former employer is merged.

For twenty odd years, Joseph Merineau carried on a grocery business in the north-east suburbs of Montreal, and apparently with fair results. A year ago he moved to St. Timothee, in the Beauharnois district, where he engaged in general storekeeping, but the move has resulted in disaster, as he is reported as making a voluntary assignment.—An exactly similar experience is that of L. J. A. Lambert, who was a Montreal grocer, and in 1897 removed northward to St. Jerome, where he has since done a general business. His failure is also just reported.

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