

Insolvency.

The following statement of Insolvency in Canada from January 1st, 1875, to February 23rd, 1876, is obtained from inquiries made by the Depression Committee of the House of Commons of Official Assignees. It shows the very great severity of the recent commercial crisis:—

No of Insolvents in each class.	Nature of Business.	Amount of Liabilities.	Amount of Dividend.	Average rate of Dividend.
		\$ cts.	\$ cts.	Per cent.
4	Agents	63,483 50	23,248 05	33 6-7
3	Agricultural Implement Makers	51,822 20	12,835 83	19 1-3
2	Auctioneers	8,680 00		
10	Bakers	24,640 05	6,804 24	16 45-100
1	Banker	14,000 00	1,400 00	10
1	Barber	1,517 11		
1	Barrel Stave Maker	800 00	200 00	25
11	Blacksmiths	17,505 73	177 50	1
1	Blind Manufacturer	7,200 00	1,800 00	25
1	Block Maker	8,044 65		
1	Boiler Maker	31,087 15	5,506 13	30
16	Booksellers and Stationers	127,151 32	48,450 80	38 11-100
65	Boot and Shoe Manufacturers	847,094 38	211,690 00	31 1-4
6	Brewers and Distillers	187,758 16	87,570 00	44 80-100
4	Brokers	422,306 60	91,763 61	22 1-2
3	Brick Makers	37,245 50	1,795 22	4 8-11
67	Builders, Contractors and Carpenters	815,450 38	46,653 54	18 1-3
26	Butchers and Cattle Dealers	218,853 02	46,840 15	21 4-5
31	Carriage Makers	210,406 38	63,107 51	20
1	Carter	1,053 15		
1	Carriage Hardware Dealer	170,000 00	42,500 00	25
3	Carvers and Gilders	14,228 08	325 00	2 1-4
1	City Omnibus Company	3,777 69		
14	Coal and Wood Dealers	317,665 16	8,506 72	2 7-10
9	Confectioners	27,832 12	9,706 70	35
16	Commission Merchants and Forwarders	487,613 75	15,672 15	32 1-2
2	Coopers	5,518 70	1,239 00	22 1-2
1	Cotton Manufacturer	7,374 94		Nil.
6	Crockery Dealers	30,372 20	28,396 30	30 1-2
125	Dry Goods Merchants	4,261,106 35	1,285,229 11	26 54-100
29	Druggists and Chemists	80,548 01	14,853 72	17 83-100
1	Engraver	15,151 13		
1	Express Agent	8,480 00	2,122 30	25
12	Fancy Goods Dealers	107,773 75	38,718 54	21 00-100
3	Fishmongers	850 00	100 00	12
11	Founders	424,285 15	54,482 31	16 80-100
21	Furniture Manufacturers and Dealers	386,175 42	122,983 65	21
1	Free Stone Quarry Company	35,000 00		
2	Fruiters	10,034 26	4,010 23	27 1-4
15	Furriers	277,705 46	78,835 25	28 1-5
122	Grocers	1,541,567 83	250,327 01	16 1-4
1	Hair Work Manufacturer	3,060 43	206 04	10
32	Hardware Dealers	3,004,159 71	875,648 80	26
16	Harness Makers and Saddlers, &c	81,181 01	25,756 07	33
36	Hotel Keepers	234,322 62	16,669 69	7 1-16
1	Hub and Spoke Company	15,058 67	15,056 62	100
1	Importer	100,213 67	40,053 41	25
2	Insurance Agents	6,897 53		
28	Jewellers	430,617 00	72,631 60	16 1-2
4	Land Speculators	368,966 01	839,921 65	92 1-7
4	Leather Dealers	460,073 90	150,262 58	30 8-4
1	Liquor Mixer	8,107 00		
2	Livery Stable Keepers	2,906 65	408 00	14
13	Loabster Canning Companies	2,536 81	2,322 50	11 13-100