

Comparison of bank clearings in twelve cities during five years gives the following results :—

CITIES.	1890.	1891.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York....	37,458,607,608	33,749,322,211	29,841,796,924	28,870,775,053	33,417,714,000
Chicago.....	5,130,878,745	4,753,840,087	4,614,979,198	4,413,054,105	4,568,150,000
Boston.....	4,093,145,904	4,456,885,230	4,757,634,594	4,498,124,352	5,099,878,000
Philadelphia..	3,710,248,015	3,296,852,835	3,555,851,128	3,161,770,636	3,225,237,000
St. Louis.....	1,118,573,210	1,139,593,577	1,244,313,654	1,158,602,352	1,363,132,000
Baltimore.....	851,060,172	892,426,712	685,657,274	720,089,773	796,639,000
San Francisco.	746,694,231	735,714,347	693,096,869	684,991,101	748,523,000
Pittsburg.....	753,093,193	679,962,255	746,110,257	745,409,217	819,925,000
Cincinnati....	640,579,450	668,216,750	651,283,330	585,354,150	625,987,000
Montreal.....	473,985,131	516,042,400	583,160,000	527,858,016	601,181,000
New Orleans..	528,883,431	514,807,407	487,948,184	466,556,610	413,643,000
Kansas City..	492,207,771	492,207,771	519,900,230	503,790,868	550,914,000

No official returns of insolvency having been provided since 1880, the only source of information are the mercantile agencies of Bradstreet's and Dun & Co.

For the year 1897 these give the following :—

BRADSTREETS.

PROVINCES.	No. of Insolvents.	Liabilities.	Assets.
		\$	\$
Ontario.....	866	5,201,159	2,177,989
Quebec.....	669	3,599,743	1,851,396
New Brunswick.....	62	380,667	190,365
Nova Scotia.....	181	976,729	466,772
Manitoba.....	43	470,397	232,057
British Columbia.....	66	356,600	197,318
Prince Edward Island.....	10	84,292	36,350
The Territories.....	10	78,342	39,400
Totals.....	1,907	13,147,929	5,191,647