

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

Cities.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York . . .	33,427,027,471	41,971,782,436	60,761,791,900	52,634,201,865	79,427,685,837
Chicago . . . . .	4,575,693,340	5,517,335,476	6,612,313,611	6,799,535,598	7,756,372,450
Boston .	5,095,619,999	5,425,647,169	7,086,285,271	6,180,308,447	7,191,685,110
Philadelphia .	3,222,868,068	3,671,676,804	4,811,079,611	4,677,655,906	5,475,345,188
St. Louis . . . . .	1,366,712,018	1,455,462,062	1,638,348,203	1,688,849,495	2,270,737,216
Baltimore . . . . .	795,688,363	939,863,169	1,209,777,729	1,084,230,062	1,191,867,587
San Francisco	751,245,630	813,043,627	970,715,759	1,029,613,589	1,165,250,091
Pittsburg . . . . .	819,637,017	975,243,809	1,528,476,639	1,615,379,044	2,046,605,963
Cincinnati . . . . .	626,786,200	641,104,850	748,490,350	795,593,750	972,502,450
Montreal . . . . .	601,185,000	731,264,677	794,109,924	734,941,608	889,486,915
New Orleans .	415,978,498	436,723,291	458,219,218	556,790,701	602,264,116
Kansas City . .	539,838,361	585,394,369	648,270,711	770,463,269	918,193,612

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 1901 these give the following:—

## BRADSTREET'S.

Provinces.	Number of Insolvents	Liabilities.	Assets.
		\$	\$
Ontario . . . . .	495	3,784,451	1,669,823
Quebec . . . . .	478	3,938,804	1,467,930
Nova Scotia . . . . .	112	449,564	245,918
New Brunswick . . . . .	76	1,530,250	720,360
Manitoba . . . . .	71	334,045	129,320
British Columbia . . . . .	102	1,351,050	810,450
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	10	81,000	49,900
The Territories . . . . .	26	187,773	103,250
Canada . . . . .	1,370	11,686,937	5,196,951