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

Cities.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
	$	$	$	$	$
New York. ..	41,971,782,436	60,761,791,900	52,634,201,865	79,427,685,837	76,328,189,165
Chicago.....	5,517,335,476	6,612,313,611	6,799,535,598	7,756,372,450	8,394,872,346
Boston.	5,425,647,169	7,086,285,271	6,180,308,447	7,191,685,110	6,930,016,794
Philadelphia.	3,671,676,804	4,811,079,611	4,677,655,906	5,475,345,188	5,875,328,359
St. Louis. ...	1,455,462,062	1,638,348,203	1,688,849,495	2,270,737,216	2,506,804,322
Baltimore....	939,863,169	1,209,777,729	1,084,230,062	1,191,867,587	1,202,803,304
San Francisco.	813,043,627	970,715,759	1,029,613,589	1,165,250,091	1,369,058,560
Pittsburg.....	975,243,809	1,528,476,639	1,615,379,044	2,046,605,963	2,147,969,759
Cincinnati....	641,104,850	748,490,350	795,593,750	972,502,450	1,080,903,000
Montreal.....	731,264,677	794,109,924	734,941,608	889,486,915	1,089,976,730
New Orleans..	436,723,291	458,219,218	556,790,701	602,264,116	677,111,109
Kansas City..	585,394,369	648,270,711	770,463,269	918,198,612	989,289,157

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

For the years 1901 and 1902 these give the following:—

BRADSTREET'S.

Provinces.	No. of Failures.		Assets.		Liabilities.	
	1902.	1901.	1902.	1901.	1902.	1901.
	$	$	$	$	$	$
Ontario	409	495	1,136,779	1,669,823	2,901,943	3,784,451
Quebec.	414	478	1,353,300	1,467,930	3,377,980	3,938,804
Nova Scotia	72	112	133,591	245,918	268,032	449,564
New Brunswick..	42	76	133,775	720,360	243,525	1,530,250
Manitoba	35	71	57,853	129,320	130,340	334,045
British Columbia.......	86	102	654,725	810,450	1,147,791	1,351,050
P. E. Island....	13	10	50,615	49,900	124,179	81,000
N. W. Territories......	18	26	70,585	103,250	118,368	187,773
Yukon Territory.......	3	....	6,000	....	16,500	....
Canada...	1,092	1,370	3,597,223	5,196,951	8,328,658	11,656,937