

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

Cities.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
New York . . .	52,634,201,865	79,427,685,837	76,328,189,165	65,970,337,955	68,649,418,673
Chicago	6,799,535,598	7,756,372,450	8,394,872,346	8,819,892,945	8,989,983,764
Boston .	6,180,308,447	7,191,685,110	6,930,016,794	6,717,416,678	6,631,546,802
Philadelphia . .	4,677,655,906	5,475,345,188	5,875,325,359	5,841,630,725	5,776,306,569
St. Louis	1,688,849,495	2,270,737,216	2,506,804,322	2,510,479,245	2,793,233,918
Baltimore	1,084,230,062	1,191,867,587	1,202,803,304	1,172,474,002	1,128,116,473
San Francisco	1,029,613,589	1,165,250,091	1,369,058,560	1,522,198,488	1,534,634,130
Pittsburg	1,615,379,044	2,046,605,963	2,147,969,759	2,356,867,346	2,063,229,826
Cincinnati	795,593,750	972,502,450	1,080,903,000	1,154,647,600	1,222,815,350
Montreal	734,941,608	889,486,915	1,089,976,730	1,113,984,113	1,065,067,000
New Orleans .	556,790,701	602,264,116	677,111,109	827,710,850	970,928,984
Kansas City . .	770,463,269	918,193,612	989,289,157	1,074,869,859	1,097,887,155

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

For the years 1903 and 1904 these give the following :

BRADSTREETS.

Provinces.	Number of Failures.		Assets.		Liabilities.	
	1903.	1904.	1903.	1904.	1903.	1904.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Ontario	379	377	1,706,269	1,144,068	3,567,068	2,803,828
Quebec	370	544	1,293,639	1,647,960	3,142,652	4,797,986
Nova Scotia	56	68	291,706	572,099	547,223	955,145
New Brunswick	31	40	69,625	235,025	177,250	413,143
Manitoba	40	62	124,116	185,616	230,793	437,176
British Columbia	56	49	231,390	179,450	416,550	310,625
P. E. Island	11	5	106,830	20,700	185,430	36,210
N. W. Territories	10	30	20,622	116,400	44,896	212,686
Yukon Territory	3	2	8,000	35,300	16,500	51,500
Canada	956	1,177	3,852,197	4,136,618	8,328,362	10,018,299