94.—Government Annuities Fund Statement, Mar. 31, 1925 and 1926.

Th		Years ended Mar. 31.		
Items.	1925.	1926.		
ASSETS.	8	8		
Fund at beginning of year. Receipts during the year, less payments	7,162,972 1,305,526	8,468,498 1,553,207		
Fund at end of year	8,468,498	10,021,705		
LIABILITIES.				
Net present value of all outstanding contracts	8,445,884	10,016,826		
RECEIPTS.				
For Immediate Annuities For Deferred Annuities Interest on Fund Refunds	1,263,195 343,627 300,502	1,572,675 373,302 358,367 2,109		
Total Beccipts	1,967,324	2,306,453		
PAYMENTS.				
Amuities paid under Immediate Contracts Return of Premiums with interest. Return of Premiums without interest Balance at end of year.	591,327 8,803 1,168 1,305,526	729,677 16,513 7,055 1,553,207		
Total Payments	1,907,324	2,306,453		

Valuation, on Mar. 31, 1925 and 1926, of Annuity Contracts issued pursuant to the Government Annuities Act, 1998.

Description of Contracts.	1925.			1926,		
	Number.	Amount of Amuities.	Total value on Mar. 31, 1925, of Annuities pur- chased.	Number.	Amount of Annuities.	Total value on Mar. 31, 1926, of Annuities pur- chased.
1—Immediate Annuities	1,198 470 190 4,004	\$ 472,278 107,352 89,428 1,056,084 1,725,142	995,928 897,781 2,723,862	562 231 4,239	1,144,248	1,297,550 1,153,316

IV.—COMMERCIAL FAILURES.

Commercial Failures in Canada, 1925.—According to Bradstreet's of January, 1926, the total number of Canadian failures reported during the calendar year 1925 was 2,094, with liabilities of \$35,538,547, as against 2,287, with liabilities of \$42,279,564, in 1924. In number there was a decrease in 1925 of 8 p.c., as compared with 1924, while the liabilities decreased by 16 p.c. Dun's Review of January, 1926, gives the total number of Canadian insolvencies in 1925 as 2,371, as compared with 2,474 in 1924, whilst liabilities reached in 1925 the total of \$45,767,825, as compared with \$64,530,975 in 1924. Tables 96 to 101 give statistics from both authorities, those from Bradstreet's (in Table 96) being classified by provinces for the calendar years 1924 and 1925, and those from Dun's Review by branches of business for the calendar years 1923 to 1925 (Table 97), and by classes