

Failures by Branches of Business.—The majority of the commercial failures of the country are always to be found among the trading establishments. Thus, according to Dun's records, out of a total of 2,516 commercial failures in the Dominion in 1931, 1,724 were those of trading establishments. The aggregate liabilities of the 559 manufacturers who failed in 1931, however, were larger in proportion than those of the traders. The figures are given by these broad groups for the years from 1915 to 1931 in Table 2, while the failures of manufacturers and traders are further analysed for the years 1929 to 1931 in Table 3.

2.—Commercial Failures, by Provinces and Classes, for the calendar year 1931, with Totals for Canada, 1915-30 [From Dun's Review].

NOTE.—Newfoundland included in totals, 1915-1931.

Province.	Total Commercial.			Manufacturing.	
	No.	Assets.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.
		\$	\$		\$
Prince Edward Island.....	8	9,685	38,529	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	65	178,614	664,824	7	133,919
New Brunswick.....	67	376,894	701,127	5	32,110
Quebec.....	997	16,185,493	23,359,408	247	5,276,199
Ontario.....	664	12,087,079	15,158,133	187	5,021,022
Manitoba.....	227	3,454,727	4,719,457	38	1,205,603
Saskatchewan.....	170	1,258,928	2,009,562	7	37,430
Alberta.....	147	1,180,821	1,226,452	17	180,020
British Columbia.....	171	2,282,424	4,036,917	51	1,599,584
Totals, 1931.....	2,516	37,014,665	51,914,494	559	13,486,187
Newfoundland.....	47	599,145	1,073,150	4	14,727
Totals, 1930.....	2,705	39,231,654	56,289,500	615	21,234,587
" 1929.....	2,310	29,572,569	44,440,639	624	19,967,419
" 1928.....	2,120	36,407,391	53,420,199	506	17,032,983
" 1927.....	2,182	24,420,941	34,461,595	502	15,347,401
" 1926.....	2,196	25,668,509	37,082,882	527	16,465,754
" 1925.....	2,371	32,651,834	45,707,825	563	24,046,514
" 1924.....	2,474	47,937,427	64,530,975	625	36,542,658
" 1923.....	3,247	46,833,195	65,810,382	792	31,791,332
" 1922.....	3,695	63,097,789	78,068,959	857	39,080,791
" 1921.....	2,451	57,158,397	73,299,111	559	33,976,790
" 1920.....	1,078	18,569,516	26,494,301	256	15,871,216
" 1919.....	755	10,741,441	16,266,259	213	10,234,477
" 1918.....	873	11,251,341	14,502,477	232	8,248,807
" 1917.....	1,097	13,051,900	18,241,465	261	7,455,094
" 1916.....	1,685	19,670,542	25,069,534	363	8,706,646
" 1915.....	2,661	39,526,358	41,162,321	655	13,877,414

Province.	Trading.		Other Commercial.		Banking.	
	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.
		\$		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island.....	7	35,263	1	3,266	-	-
Nova Scotia.....	53	422,205	5	108,700	-	-
New Brunswick.....	57	620,692	5	48,325	-	-
Quebec.....	651	8,120,029	99	9,963,175	-	-
Ontario.....	410	4,654,626	67	5,482,585	-	-
Manitoba.....	170	2,981,206	19	532,648	-	-
Saskatchewan.....	152	1,514,228	11	457,904	-	-
Alberta.....	118	949,029	12	97,403	-	-
British Columbia.....	166	1,299,193	14	1,137,840	-	-
Totals, 1931.....	1,724	20,596,371	233	17,831,846	-	-
Newfoundland.....	42	999,975	1	58,448	-	-