

Failures by Branches of Business.—In every year the great majority of the commercial failures of the country are found among the trading establishments which are so much more numerous than the manufacturing. Thus, according to Dun's records, out of a total of 2,938 commercial failures in Canada and Newfoundland in 1932, 2,038 were among the trading establishments, including 416 in groceries and meats, 378 in clothing and furnishings and 219 general stores.

Out of the 703 manufacturers who failed, 126 were in clothing and millinery, 79 in the lumber or carpentering business and 78 among millers and bakers. The larger scale on which manufacturers operate is evident from the fact that the defaulted liabilities of the 703 manufacturers were nearly as great as those of the 2,038 traders. The figures of commercial failures include both Canada and Newfoundland and are analyzed in detail for the years 1930 to 1932 in Table 2, while the totals by broad groups are given for 1915 and subsequent years in Table 3.

2.—Commercial Failures in Canada and Newfoundland, by Branches of Business, calendar years 1930-32 [From Dun's Review].

Branch of Business.	1930.		1931.		1932.	
	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.	No.	Liabilities.
		\$		\$		\$
Manufacturers—						
Iron and foundries.....	8	514,731	10	488,953	23	4,630,646
Machinery and tools.....	27	1,754,991	37	1,117,185	39	860,876
Woolens, carpets, etc.....	3	99,187	6	33,471	7	110,261
Cotton, hosiery, etc.....	2	59,200	1	20,000	1	6,465
Lumber, carpenters.....	111	5,711,336	63	2,450,145	79	4,690,943
Clothing, millinery.....	124	2,172,946	98	1,752,828	120	2,518,102
Hats, gloves and furs.....	32	416,048	22	328,818	26	368,154
Chemicals and drugs.....	13	141,475	8	91,288	11	119,881
Paints and oils.....	—	—	—	—	4	28,906
Printing and engraving.....	16	177,045	22	429,068	37	799,830
Milling and bakers.....	35	4,334,370	52	401,879	78	1,003,183
Leather, shoes, etc.....	38	906,881	21	607,976	30	640,657
Liquors and tobacco.....	11	724,814	14	292,903	17	330,937
Glass, earthenware.....	11	173,974	11	337,571	28	1,379,465
All other.....	188	4,062,920	198	5,148,929	213	5,219,744
Totals, Manufacturers.....	619	21,249,918	563	13,590,914	763	22,706,619
Traders—						
General stores.....	250	3,871,344	248	2,626,695	219	2,645,257
Groceries and meats.....	371	2,260,492	368	2,815,434	416	2,767,092
Hotels, restaurants.....	167	1,595,464	150	1,751,592	160	2,283,593
Liquors and tobacco.....	21	68,743	23	189,056	35	191,573
Clothing, furnishings.....	293	3,217,499	299	3,260,057	378	4,069,778
Dry goods and carpets.....	169	2,329,543	153	2,855,910	131	1,292,343
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.....	68	779,540	73	920,134	88	1,334,378
Furniture, crockery.....	37	437,295	41	405,086	38	843,993
Hardware, stoves and tools.....	47	452,706	58	552,555	72	1,235,578
Chemicals and drugs.....	46	385,863	29	179,167	61	478,137
Paints and oils.....	1	500	3	22,952	2	7,925
Jewellery and clocks.....	46	347,752	33	548,114	52	433,156
Books and papers.....	11	113,457	15	97,917	26	414,219
Hats, furs and gloves.....	27	655,203	20	550,409	35	974,826
All other.....	334	5,316,428	253	4,821,268	316	4,691,365
Totals, Traders.....	1,888	21,840,829	1,766	21,595,346	2,038	23,666,178
Other Commercial.....	234	14,100,746	234	17,890,294	197	10,256,427
Grand Totals.....	2,741	57,191,493	2,563	52,987,554	2,938	58,630,654