

Failures, by Divisions of Industry.—The great majority of the commercial failures are found among trading establishments, which are so much more numerous than manufacturing establishments. Thus, according to the records of Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated, out of a total of 1,158 commercial failures in Canada in 1940, 774 were among the retail trading establishments, including 272 in foods and 117 in apparel. Out of the 197 manufacturers who failed, 42 were in the textiles business, 57 in foods and 18 were manufacturers of leather and leather products.

3.—Industrial and Commercial Failures in Canada, by Divisions of Industry, 1938-40

(From Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated)

NOTE.—Figures for 1934-36 will be found at p. 951 of the 1937 Year Book and for 1937 at pp. 959-960 of the 1940 edition.

Industry and Division	Failures			Liabilities		
	1938 No.	1939 No.	1940 No.	1938 \$'000	1939 \$'000	1940 \$'000
Manufacturing—						
Foods.....	44	48	57	563	607	463
Textiles.....	67	65	42	894	1,365	664
Forest products.....	27	20	13	1,372	186	221
Paper, printing, and publishing.....	17	15	13	129	102	394
Chemicals and drugs.....	6	15	13	32	75	182
Fuels.....	4	4	3	179	252	130
Leather and leather products.....	15	11	18	144	209	366
Stone, clay, glass and products.....	6	7	4	185	64	55
Iron and steel.....	4	10	7	223	104	58
Machinery.....	5	3	3	86	32	10
Transportation equipment.....	6	2	2	112	12	25
All other.....	24	34	22	841	821	914
Totals, Manufacturing.....	225	234	197	4,760	3,829	3,482
Wholesale Trade—						
Farm products, foods, groceries.....	17	20	18	430	372	540
Clothing and furnishings.....	6	9	6	157	193	102
Dry goods and textiles.....	5	6	2	229	215	53
Lumber, building materials, hardware.....	3	7	9	40	137	123
Chemicals and drugs.....	2	2	3	7	48	16
Fuels.....	1	Nil	Nil	13	-	-
Automotive products.....	3	2	3	7	15	50
Supply houses.....	7	Nil	Nil	102	-	-
All other.....	11	31	31	244	313	244
Totals, Wholesale Trade.....	55	77	72	1,229	1,293	1,128
Retail Trade—						
Foods.....	211	213	272	767	683	837
Farm supplies, general stores.....	72	101	82	691	829	557
General merchandise.....	44	46	33	307	214	205
Apparel.....	125	183	117	628	989	754
Furniture, household furniture.....	20	41	28	67	360	208
Lumber, building materials, hardware.....	33	45	43	514	392	482
Automotive products.....	33	66	47	302	722	351
Restaurants.....	74	90	72	434	252	180
Drugs.....	23	20	25	78	88	98
All other.....	64	69	55	676	417	277
Totals, Retail Trade.....	699	874	774	4,464	4,946	3,949
Construction—						
General contractors.....	6	13	19	73	499	265
Carpenters and builders.....	15	9	10	78	97	99
Building sub-contractors.....	16	31	25	107	197	182
Other contractors.....	2	Nil	2	9	-	22
Totals, Construction.....	39	53	56	267	793	569