

1.—Industrial and Commercial Failures in Canada, by Classes, 1938-45, and by Provinces, 1946

(From Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated)

NOTE.—Figures for 1934-37 are given at p. 628 of the 1946 Year Book.

| Year and Province | Manu- facturing | | Wholesale Trade | | Retail Trade | | Con- struction | | Commercial Service | | Totals | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| | No. | Lia- bilities | No. | Lia- bilities | No. | Lia- bilities | No. | Lia- bilities | No. | Lia- bilities | No. | Lia- bilities |
| | | \$'000 | | \$'000 | | \$'000 | | \$'000 | | \$'000 | | \$'000 |
| Totals, 1938 | 225 | 4,760 | 55 | 1,229 | 699 | 4,464 | 39 | 267 | 31 | 316 | 1,049 | 11,036 |
| Totals, 1939 | 234 | 3,829 | 77 | 1,293 | 874 | 4,946 | 53 | 793 | 61 | 774 | 1,299 | 11,635 |
| Totals, 1940 | 197 | 3,482 | 72 | 1,128 | 774 | 3,949 | 56 | 569 | 59 | 450 | 1,158 | 9,578 |
| Totals, 1941 | 130 | 2,419 | 42 | 539 | 614 | 3,118 | 55 | 519 | 41 | 364 | 882 | 6,959 |
| Totals, 1942 | 87 | 3,630 | 33 | 516 | 393 | 2,499 | 61 | 526 | 35 | 173 | 609 | 7,344 |
| Totals, 1943 | 36 | 2,357 | 7 | 137 | 96 | 500 | 32 | 519 | 15 | 121 | 186 | 3,634 |
| Totals, 1944 | 33 | 1,042 | 12 | 242 | 33 | 514 | 15 | 265 | 3 | 56 | 96 | 2,119 |
| Totals, 1945 | 37 | 1,511 | 7 | 246 | 26 | 250 | 20 | 240 | 5 | 58 | 95 | 2,305 |
| 1946 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| P.E. Island..... | Nil | - | Nil | - | Nil | - | Nil | - | Nil | - | Nil | - |
| Nova Scotia..... | " | - | 1 | 117 | 1 | 3 | " | - | 1 | 5 | 3 | 125 |
| New Brunswick..... | " | - | 1 | 13 | 3 | 33 | " | - | Nil | - | 4 | 46 |
| Quebec..... | 32 | 844 | 11 | 140 | 33 | 393 | 16 | 150 | 4 | 36 | 96 | 1,563 |
| Ontario..... | 5 | 983 | 5 | 131 | 3 | 19 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 137 | 16 | 1,278 |
| Manitoba..... | 1 | 3 | Nil | - | Nil | - | 1 | 44 | Nil | - | 2 | 47 |
| Saskatchewan..... | Nil | - | " | - | 1 | 3 | Nil | - | " | - | 1 | 3 |
| Alberta..... | 1 | 782 | " | - | Nil | - | 2 | 24 | " | - | 3 | 806 |
| British Columbia..... | 2 | 72 | 1 | 20 | " | - | 1 | 5 | 1 | 38 | 5 | 135 |
| Totals, 1946 | 41 | 2,684 | 19 | 421 | 41 | 451 | 21 | 231 | 8 | 216 | 130 | 4,003 |

In 1946, Quebec and Ontario accounted for 74 p.c. and 12 p.c., respectively, of the total failures in the Dominion. As regards liabilities, Quebec accounted for 39 p.c. of the total as compared with 32 p.c. registered for Ontario.

2.—Industrial and Commercial Failures, by Provinces, 1944-46

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NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1934-43 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books.

| Province | Failures | | | Liabilities | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 | 1944 | 1945 | 1946 |
| | No. | No. | No. | \$'000 | \$'000 | \$'000 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | Nil | 1 | Nil | - | 13 | - |
| Nova Scotia..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 55 | 6 | 125 |
| New Brunswick..... | 1 | 2 | 4 | 19 | 7 | 46 |
| Quebec..... | 61 | 64 | 96 | 1,369 | 1,367 | 1,563 |
| Ontario..... | 18 | 14 | 16 | 280 | 425 | 1,278 |
| Manitoba..... | 2 | 4 | 2 | 210 | 65 | 47 |
| Saskatchewan..... | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 |
| Alberta..... | 3 | 2 | 3 | 57 | 350 | 806 |
| British Columbia..... | 6 | 3 | 5 | 122 | 67 | 135 |
| Totals | 96 | 95 | 130 | 2,119 | 2,305 | 4,003 |

According to Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated, the number of commercial failures during the war years 1939-45 showed a steady decrease year by year, and, whereas before the War the great majority of failures were in retail trading establishments, the proportion in that group also showed a steady decrease during those