

years. In 1946, however, the number of failures increased by 37 p.c. over the previous year. There were more failures in each of the industrial groups though 77 p.c. of the increase was accounted for by wholesale and retail establishments.

3.—Industrial and Commercial Failures, by Divisions of Industry, 1944-46,

(From Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated)

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1934-42 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books.

Industry and Division	Failures			Liabilities		
	1944	1945	1946	1944	1945	1946
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Manufacturing—						
Foods.....	3	1	2	51	8	20
Textiles.....	1	3	4	2	24	102
Forest products.....	5	12	7	101	341	108
Paper, printing and publishing.....	3	5	2	47	343	126
Chemicals and drugs.....	1	Nil	2	12	-	99
Fuels.....	3	"	Nil	193	-	-
Leather and leather products.....	Nil	"	"	-	-	-
Stone, clay, glass and products.....	3	"	"	366	-	-
Iron and steel.....	2	"	2	9	-	909
Machinery.....	5	4	4	108	192	84
Transportation equipment.....	1	3	2	62	90	51
All other.....	6	9	16	91	513	1,185
Totals, Manufacturing.....	33	37	41	1,042	1,511	2,684
Wholesale Trade—						
Farm products, foods, groceries.....	1	5	5	40	115	156
Clothing and furnishings.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	-	-
Dry goods and textiles.....	1	"	"	8	-	-
Lumber, building materials, hardware.....	4	"	5	92	-	59
Chemicals and drugs.....	1	"	Nil	7	-	-
Fuels.....	1	"	"	25	-	-
Automotive products.....	Nil	"	"	-	-	-
Supply houses.....	"	"	"	-	-	-
All other.....	4	2	9	70	131	206
Totals, Wholesale Trade.....	12	7	19	242	246	421
Retail Trade—						
Foods.....	12	7	5	53	105	37
Farm supplies, general stores.....	2	8	8	4	74	70
General merchandise.....	Nil	Nil	1	-	-	3
Apparel.....	2	1	5	10	10	115
Furniture, household furniture.....	1	Nil	1	246	-	26
Lumber, building materials, hardware.....	2	1	3	32	25	21
Automotive products.....	3	1	4	57	11	72
Restaurants.....	2	4	6	13	6	44
Drugs.....	2	Nil	1	9	-	10
All other.....	7	4	7	90	19	53
Totals, Retail Trade.....	33	26	41	514	250	451
Construction—						
General contractors.....	9	13	13	246	182	186
Carpenters and builders.....	Nil	1	1	-	13	1
Building sub-contractors.....	6	6	7	19	40	44
Other contractors.....	Nil	Nil	Nil	-	-	-
Totals, Construction.....	15	20	21	265	240	231
Commercial Service—						
Cleaners and dyers, tailors.....	1	Nil	1	1	-	3
Haulage, buses, taxis, etc.....	1	3	4	5	51	203
Hotels.....	1	Nil	Nil	50	-	-
Laundries.....	Nil	"	1	-	-	5
Undertakers.....	"	"	Nil	-	-	-
All other.....	"	2	2	-	7	5
Totals, Commercial Service.....	3	5	8	56	58	216
Grand Totals.....	96	95	130	2,119	2,305	4,003