

substantial increases amounting to 134 p.c. in 1947 over 1946 and 62 p.c. in 1948 over 1947. Each group contributed to the advance in 1948, though over 60 p.c. of the increase was accounted for by retail trade.

## 2.—Industrial and Commercial Failures, by Divisions of Industry, 1946-48

(Source: Dun and Bradstreet, Incorporated)

NOTE.—Comparable figures for 1934-44 are given in the corresponding tables of previous Year Books.

Industry and Division	Failures			Liabilities		
	1946	1947	1948	1946	1947	1948
	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
<b>Manufacturing—</b>						
Foods.....	2	10	10	20	270	311
Textiles.....	4	13	17	102	309	849
Forest products.....	7	28	49	108	942	2,617
Paper, printing and publishing.....	2	3	6	126	60	81
Chemicals and drugs.....	2	4	11	99	24	546
Fuels.....	—	1	1	—	6	58
Leather and leather products.....	—	7	12	—	124	224
Stone, clay, glass and products.....	—	3	5	—	43	222
Iron and steel.....	2	4	8	909	301	519
Machinery.....	4	17	14	84	835	444
Transportation equipment.....	2	1	6	51	18	340
All other.....	16	35	19	1,185	883	523
<b>Totals, Manufacturing.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2,684</b>	<b>3,815</b>	<b>6,734</b>
<b>Wholesale Trade—</b>						
Farm products, foods, groceries.....	5	6	11	156	292	240
Clothing and furnishings.....	—	—	1	—	—	2
Dry goods and textiles.....	—	3	4	—	27	49
Lumber, building materials, hardware.....	5	4	10	59	127	242
Chemicals and drugs.....	—	5	1	—	55	32
Fuels.....	—	1	—	—	30	—
Automotive products.....	—	—	1	—	—	14
Supply houses.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other.....	9	23	34	206	694	816
<b>Totals, Wholesale Trade.....</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>1,395</b>
<b>Retail Trade—</b>						
Foods.....	5	25	45	37	187	460
Farm supplies, general stores.....	8	8	18	70	158	236
General merchandise.....	1	2	6	3	12	30
Apparel.....	5	7	23	115	80	224
Furniture, household furniture.....	1	2	15	26	23	194
Lumber, building materials, hardware.....	3	5	16	21	84	247
Automotive products.....	4	18	31	72	119	464
Restaurants.....	6	5	18	44	16	218
Drugs.....	1	1	1	10	20	3
All other.....	7	11	25	53	183	202
<b>Totals, Retail Trade.....</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>2,278</b>
<b>Construction—</b>						
General contractors.....	13	20	32	186	642	740
Carpenters and builders.....	1	2	—	1	6	—
Building sub-contractors.....	7	14	14	44	293	92
Other contractors.....	—	—	2	—	—	67
<b>Totals, Construction.....</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>899</b>
<b>Commercial Service—</b>						
Cleaners and dyers, tailors.....	1	1	2	3	8	9
Haulage, buses, taxis, etc.....	4	5	11	203	208	193
Hotels.....	—	1	4	—	81	168
Laundries.....	1	1	1	5	14	10
Undertakers.....	—	1	—	—	26	—
All other.....	2	7	9	5	28	69
<b>Totals, Commercial Service.....</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>449</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>4,003</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>11,755</b>