

**5.—Bankruptcies and Insolvencies by Industries and Economic Areas 1957, with
Totals and Liabilities for 1956 and 1957—concluded**

Industry	1957					Totals		Total Liabilities	
	At- lantic Pro- vinces	Que- bec	On- tario	Prairie Pro- vinces	British Colum- bia	1957	1956	1957	1956
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	\$'000	\$'000
Trade	33	524	282	51	25	915	781	23,450	20,453
Food.....	10	110	40	3	2	165	174	3,279	3,047
General merchandise.....	2	25	4	8	—	39	60	612	1,509
Automotive products.....	3	22	19	4	1	49	40	1,800	1,679
Filling stations.....	1	32	15	3	1	52	25	760	203
Clothing.....	5	71	42	12	6	136	93	2,757	1,377
Shoes.....	1	7	8	—	1	17	8	342	226
Hardware and building materials.....	2	37	21	4	3	67	57	2,404	1,826
Furniture, appliances and radios.....	5	59	59	4	4	131	125	4,602	5,504
Fuel.....	—	5	4	—	—	9	15	280	286
Drugs.....	—	2	1	—	1	4	13	122	230
Jewellery.....	1	11	11	1	1	25	15	583	272
Other.....	3	143	58	12	5	221	156	5,909	4,297
Finance and Public Utilities	1	22	11	3	1	38	28	3,212	1,042
Service	3	187	47	9	1	247	244	4,686	4,951
Community.....	—	11	—	—	—	11	16	70	907
Recreational.....	1	9	6	1	—	17	15	378	592
Business.....	—	17	8	—	1	26	23	629	766
Personal.....	2	150	33	8	—	193	190	3,609	2,686
Not Classified	3	43	26	7	6	85	56	2,127	1,030
Totals	51	1,327	640	122	58	2,198	1,966	70,051	61,230

PART IV.—PRICES*

Section 1.—Index Numbers of Wholesale Prices

The term "wholesale prices" refers in this Part to sales transactions that occur below the retail level; it has more of a connotation of bulk purchase than of any homogeneous level of distribution. Ingredients for the general wholesale price index are obtained mainly from manufacturers but include prices from wholesalers proper, assemblers of primary products, agents and the other types of commercial enterprises who trade in commodities of a type or in quantities characteristic of primary marketing functions. Wholesale price indexes are grouped according to a commodity classification scheme based on chief component material similarities. In addition, indexes classified according to degree of manufacture are available. For the latter, however, because significant groups of manufactured products are not directly included, tabulations are not attempted on narrower bases than "Raw and Partly Manufactured" and "Fully and Chiefly Manufactured" commodity groups. Wholesale price indexes are regularly released in the DBS monthly publication *Prices and Price Indexes* which contains related current series on retail and security prices. Volume 23 of that publication is a historical summary reaching back to the year 1867 for some series and, together with DBS Reference Paper No. 24, *Wholesale Prices Indexes 1930-1950*, contains an explanation of index construction and meaning.

The number and identity of commodities contained in the index has been virtually fixed since 1951 when the index was placed on a 1935-39 base. Commodities were included either because they bulked large in total marketings at that time or because they were

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