

**Returns under the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts.\***—The DBS statistics concerning bankruptcies and insolvencies cover only the failures coming under federal legislation, i.e., the Bankruptcy Act and the Winding-Up Act. Certain documents relating to estates administered under these Acts have been forwarded, since July 1920, to the Dominion Statistician for statistical analysis. The Bankruptcy Act of 1949 altered the administration of bankruptcies by providing for proposals from insolvent persons. Since July 1950, agreements made under this method have not been included with the statistics of bankruptcy, so that subsequent figures are not strictly comparable with those for previous years. Table 2 shows the number of proposals in order to give a general impression of the trend. The series was revised in 1955 to cover business failures only, excluding failures of individuals such as wage-earners, salesmen and executive personnel formerly included.

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**2.—Bankruptcies and Insolvencies under Federal Legislation, by Province, 1955-63**

NOTE.—Figures from 1923 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1941 edition.

Year	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1955.....	36	1,180	406	27	37	42	67	1,795
1956.....	37	1,265	507	23	34	41	60	1,967
1957.....	54	1,359	630	26	32	55	57	2,213
1958.....	36	1,376	545	28	18	51	71	2,125
1959.....	36	1,366	658	26	20	47	76	2,229
1960.....	48	1,638	914	34	28	46	120	2,828
1961.....	47	1,450	932	39	25	62	104	2,659
1962.....	33	1,694	1,177	47	36	94	109	3,190
1963.....	60	1,987	1,389	45	37	67	92	3,677
<b>Proposals—</b>								
1955.....	7	466	36	2	1	1	5	518
1956.....	9	738	49	2	—	—	14	812
1957.....	4	479	38	1	1	1	10	534
1958.....	5	395	44	1	1	1	11	458
1959.....	3	419	63	2	1	3	12	503
1960.....	9	480	96	3	—	2	11	601
1961.....	11	482	80	1	2	1	13	590
1962.....	4	479	92	—	—	3	14	592
1963.....	7	526	72	23	2	4	9	643

**3.—Bankruptcies and Insolvencies under Federal Legislation, by Branch of Business, 1955-63**

NOTE.—Figures from 1924 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1942 edition.

Year	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Trapping and Mining	Manufacturing	Construction	Transportation, Communications and Storage	Trade	Finance and Public Utilities	Service	Not Classified	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1955.....	66	290	309	68	772	14	250	26	1,795
1956.....	58	342	375	83	782	28	246	53	1,967
1957.....	80	366	372	109	928	40	244	74	2,213
1958.....	67	356	367	105	882	42	295	11	2,125
1959.....	81	374	449	76	906	36	307	—	2,229
1960.....	100	323	619	129	1,229	65	363	—	2,828
1961.....	86	285	470	113	1,234	69	402	—	2,659
1962.....	93	326	573	143	1,496	82	477	—	3,190
1963.....	111	365	714	166	1,634	110	577	—	3,677