

Chart 18.1

**Consumer bankruptcies**

maintaining a record of all bankruptcies and of related statistical information and generally supervising a consumer bankruptcy program. The Superintendent has representatives in major cities across Canada from whom more detailed information concerning bankruptcy and insolvency may be obtained.

**Receiverships** constitute the other major consequence of aggravated commercial insolvency and occur when a receiver is appointed to take possession or control under a security agreement or following a court order of all or part of the property of a debtor.

A receivership is precipitated by a secured creditor in an effort to protect his investment. In the majority of receiverships, as with many commercial bankruptcies, unsecured creditors receive little or nothing after the secured creditors realize on their security. (See Tables 18.20 to 18.23.)

## 18.4 Insurance

Insurance business is transacted in Canada by about 900 companies and societies. Details of the classes of insurance each company or society is authorized to transact and statistical information may be found in the published reports

of individual superintendents of insurance for the provinces. Financial statistics of the federally registered companies and fraternal benefit societies are published in the annual report of the federal superintendent.

### 18.4.1 Life insurance

Total life insurance in force in Canada at the end of 1987 amounted to \$828 billion (\$763 billion in 1986). There were 155 companies, one less than in 1986, registered by the federal insurance department to transact life insurance (59 Canadian, 11 British and 85 foreign). There were also 39 registered fraternal benefit societies (16 Canadian and 23 foreign).

Table 18.24 gives figures for selected years since 1880 for amounts of new insurance effected and an analysis of amounts in force at the end of the year. Table 18.25 compares newly effected written business and total amounts in force for 1984-87.

Net insurance premiums written in 1987 totalled \$5.2 billion compared to \$4.6 billion in 1986 and \$4.2 billion in 1985. Table 18.26 gives a provincial analysis of the premium income from 1984 to 1987 on a direct written basis only.

The major categories of assets and related liabilities of federally registered life insurance