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#### COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN JANUARY, 1935.

The number of assignments under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showed in January, 1935, a substantial decline from the figure for January, 1934, while liabilities of the assignors also showed a notable decline. Commercial failures numbered 107 in January, 1935, as compared with 153 in January, 1934, and 124 in December, 1934. The liabilities of the assignors, amounting to \$1,502,107 as compared with \$1.602,122 in December, 1934, showed a decline; when compared with \$2,009,188 in January, 1934, a considerable decline is also noted.

#### COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces. - In the month under review, there were 3 assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 7 in December, 1934, and 6 in January, 1934. A decided decrease is noted in both comparisons. The liabilities of the assignors in January, 1935, were about \$20,000.

Quebec. - Commercial failures in the province of Quebec during January, 1935, numbered 59 as against 67 in December, 1934, and 77 in January, 1934. A decrease is noted in both comparisons. The liabilities were approximately \$632,000. Of these 59 failures, 43 with liabilities of about \$402,000 took place in the city of Montreal.

Ontario. In Ontario, the failures numbered 24 as against 36 in December, 1934, and 49 in January, 1934. A decrease of over 50 per cent is noted in the latter more significant comparison. Liabilities aggregated about \$305,000. In the city of Toronto, there were 5 assignments with liabilities of about \$73,000.

Prairie Provinces.— In the three Prairie Provinces failures increased from 11 in December, 1934, to 20 in January, 1935, and may be compared with 15 in January, 1934. The liabilities were approximately \$194,000. There were 5 failures in the city of Winnipeg, with liabilities of about \$45,000.

British Columbia. In British Columbia, commercial failures numbered 1 as compared with 3 in December, 1934, and 6 in January, 1934. The liabilities were approximately \$351,000.

#### FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

Trade.- Trading establishments furnished the largest number of failures, 48 assigning in January, 1935, as compared with 64 in December, 1934, and 78 in January, 1934. An unusual decrease is noted in this latter more significant comparison. Of these concerns, 8 were general stores, 9 groceries, 1 confectionery, 4 fish and meat, 3 boots and shoes, 4 dry goods, 4 clothing, 1 furniture, 1 automobile, 2 hardware, 3 jewelry, 1 coal and wood and 1 drugs and chemicals.

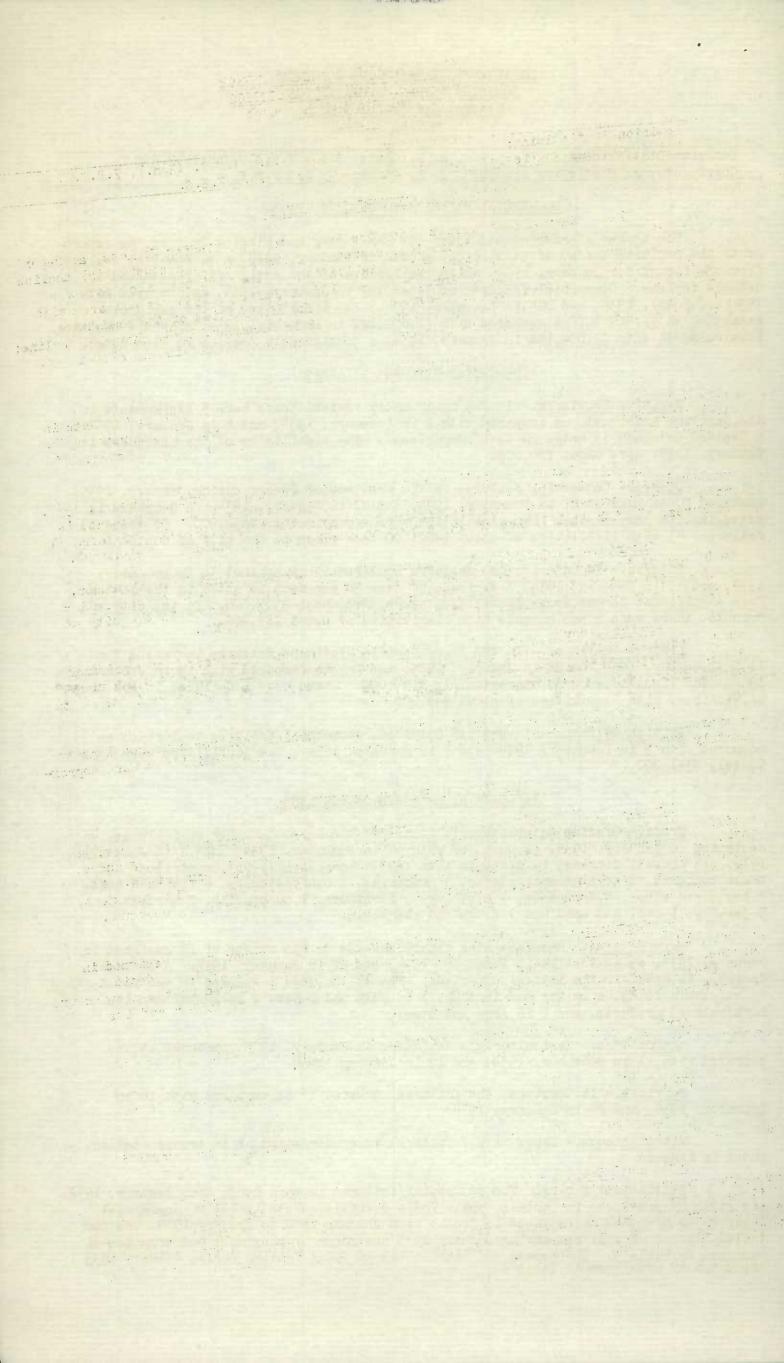
Manufactures.— Manufacturing establishments to the number of 13 assigned in January, 1935, as against 14 in December, 1934, and 22 in January, 1934. A decided decrease is noted in the latter comparison. The 13 included 1 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 1 in fur and leather, 1 in pulp and paper, 2 in lumber and its manufactured products, and 2 in iron and steel.

Agriculture. - Agriculturists assigning in January, 1935, numbered 15, as compared with 11 in December, 1934, and 12 in January, 1934.

Services. In services, the failures numbered 17 as compared with 16 in December, 1934, and 20 in January, 1934.

Miscellaneous. - There were 7 failures in construction, 1 in transportation, and 1 in finance.

Statistical Tables. The commercial failures in each month from January, 1932, are given by provinces in Table 1, while Table 2 furnishes statistics of commercial failures by branches of business by months from January 1932 to January 1935. The detailed figures of failures during January 1935 are shown by provinces and branches of business in Table 3. The assets and liabilities of those failing during January 1935 are shown by provinces in Table 4.



### TABLE 1. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND MONTHS, 1932 - 1935, WITH ANNUAL TOTALS FOR 1922 - 1934.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	TOTAL
Total 1922 -	15 16	121	131	1,589	1,058	284	272	299	156	3,925
Total 1923 - Total 1924 -	16	155 69	67 67	1,181	970 8 <b>3</b> 5	258 100	280 131	323 150	156 57	3,408 2,319
Total 1925 -	3 4	71	68	758	720	85	77	139	74	1,996
Total 1926 - Total 1927 -	<del>ј1</del> ј <del>1</del>	63 66	74 74	654 658	655 681	84 97	68 54	113	58 72	1,773
Total 1928 -	4	90	56	767	758	103	63	126	70	2,037
Total 1929 -	1	71	61	927	762	91	84	101	69	2,167
Total 1930 -	3	61	45	1,011	776	113	146	152	95	2,402
		-		1 9					-	074
January February	ī	8	7	82 92	91 79	96	9 7	17 17	15	238
March	2	3 4	8 7 5 7	78	69	11	14	14	96	208
April May	2	6	5	75 80	79 79	4 g	3 8	10	6	190 204
June	2	8	8	64	69	74		9	10	179
July	-	5	3 6	72	65	8	5 3 4	10	96	175
August Soptember	-	5	7	86 90	72 64	7 5	8	4 8	9	188
October		5 3 2 5 6	10	80	73	56	6	14	5	199
November December	1 -	6	8	89 80	80 69	10	15	10	10	229 196
Total 1932	9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
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January Feburary	3	8	6	90 85	79 80	9	5	13	96	216 214
March	1	56	7	80	72	7	4	9	6	192
April	1	6	8	75	68	Ť Ť	5 5	11	6	184
May	1	4	3	75 70	70 67	3	2	8 2	6	175
July	-		3 2	66	56	5	2	5	2	158 142
August September	-	3 2 6	2	76 80	55	7	3	4	1 7	150
October	-	1 6	2	78	55 45 43	5	5	10	3	155 144
November December	- 3	6 2	1 6	78 82	53	3 6	6	4 8	4	155
Total 1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
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April	-		5	68	45	7	4	2	7	141
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July	1	2	3	59	40	3 8	5	2 4	9 2	122
August September	44	4 2		53 60	32 38	3	2	4 7	4 2	103
October	1	2	6	71	35	5	-	3 2	8	113 130
November	1	5 2	3	65	35 36	3	1	3	2	119
December	8	745	<u>3</u>	67 779	36 474	56	36		57	1,532
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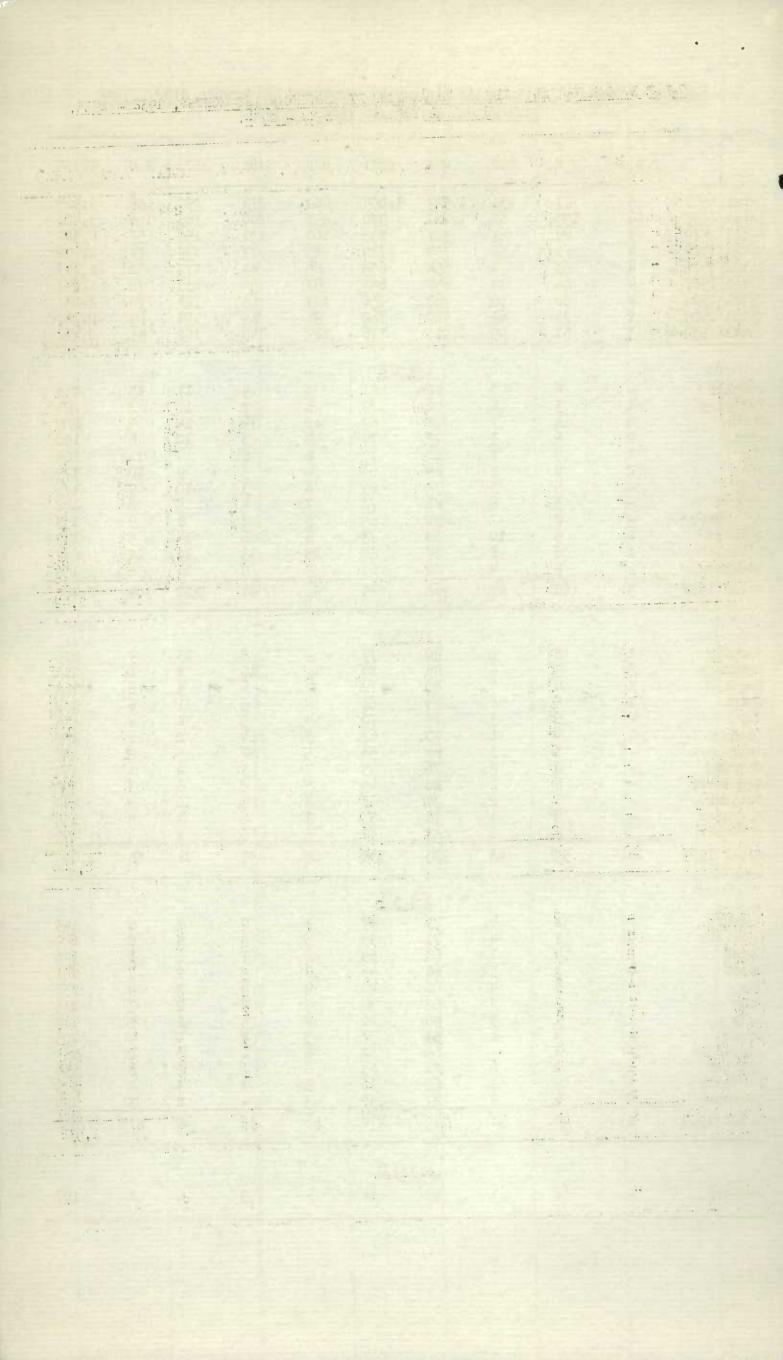
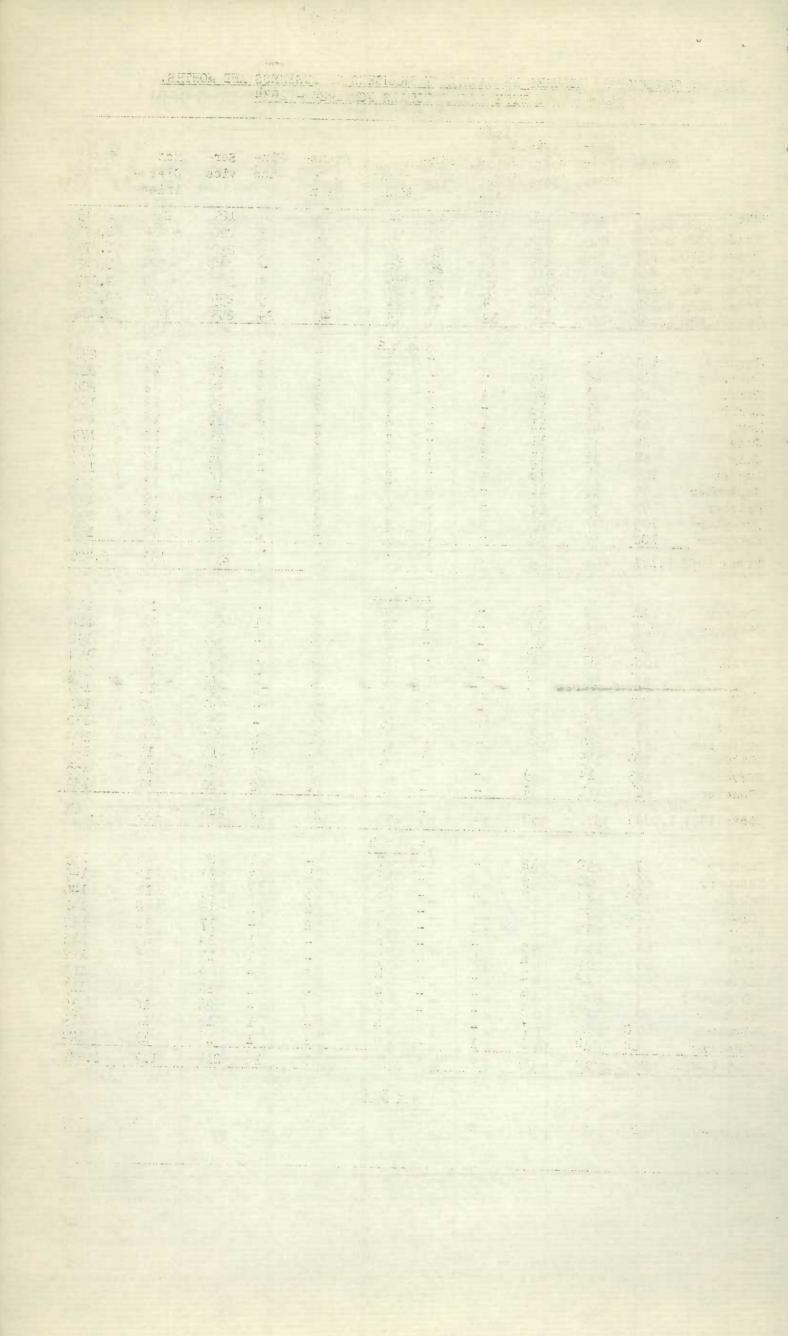


TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS AND WONTHS,

1932 - 1935, WITH ANNUAL TOTALS FOR 1924 - 1934

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	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logg- ing Fish- ing, Trap.	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- port- ation	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
Total 1924 : Total 1925 : Total 1926 Total 1927 Total 1928 Total 1929 : Total 1930	1,026 805 818 884 1,101	329 403 390 430 505 443 488	204 158 135 116 108 125 115	14 14 27 30 31 4	22 15 20 26 23 11 9	44 50 52 63 70 61 55	36 21 34 36 45 21 48	8 5 1 - 5 5 29	129 220 225 243 263 239 283	216 84 84 79 103 157 159	2,319 1,996 1,773 1,841 2,037 2,167 2,402
January February March April May June July August September October November December	121 104 100 80 94 84 106 99 92 105 102	44 48 37 37 47 36 33 31 38 36 47 34	20 18 20 19 11 11 13 13 11 19 21 14	1 2 2 1 - 1 - 1 1	1 2 1 1 1	9 3 2 5 5 5 7 6 8 9 8 7 8 8 7	35368521235-	1 1 - - - - 1 1 - 2	29 27 30 25 21 21 21 21 24 27 29 20	14 13 12 15 16 12 10 12 9 12 12 12	238 221 208 190 204 179 175 188 193 199 229 196
Total 1932	1,171	468	190	9	6	83	43	7	290	153	2,420
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Total 1933	1,089	357	92	1	5	57	26	12	246	159	5,014
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Grocery	-	1	5	3	-	-		-	9	2
Confectionery	-	-	1	-	_	-		-	1	4
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	14	6
Fish and Meat Boots and Shoes		-	3	1 2	-	-	-	-		7
Dry Gods		-	4	_					3	14
Olothing			2	1	1		_	_	4	12
Furniture	-	***	- C	-		-	1	940	1	
Dooks and Stationery	-	**	1	-	-	91	-	940	ī	1
Automobile	-	***	-	1		-	***	-	1	-
Hardware	-	-	2	-	-	-		***	2	5
Electric Apparatus	-	•	••	949		-	-	-	-	-
demelry	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	- 613	3	2
Coal and Wood	-	-	1	***	-	-	-	841	í	2
Drugs and Chemicals		-	-	1	-	-	-	••	1	1
Miscellaneous _		901	3	2	**	-	grad)	-	5	10
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Drink and Tobacco		-	-	849	_	-	-		-	7
Animal Foods	_	-	-	-		-	-	-	•	-
Fur and Leather	-	***	1	-	-	-	949	849	1	3
Fulp and Paper	-	00-0	900	-	1	-	-	-	1	
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	***	-
Clothing	-	**	3	_		-	-	-	3	3
Lumber and Manufactures	-	-	2	846		646	-	-	2	í
Fron and Steel	***	400	1	1		-	-	-	2	-
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Drugs and Chemicals	-		-	-	-	-	-	_	•	1
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Total Manufactures	-	***	10	2	1	945	-	-	13	22
SERVICE										1.
Garages	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1 4	7
Other Customs and Repairs	-	-	3 5	3	1	-	-	-		3
Forschal Service	-	-	1	2	1	-			9	5
Professional Service	1	-	1	-		-	-		2	-
Recreational Service Business Service	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	-	1
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Motel Service	. 1		10	4	2				17	20
Total Service	. 1		10	+	4	•		444	1/	20
OTHER										
Agriculture	-		1	2	3	4	5	-	15	12
Mining	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	1
Logging, Fishing and										
Trapping	-	440	•	-	64	-	-	**	440	-
Construction	-	-	4	1	1	-	-	1	7	7
Mransportation and Public										
Utilities	-	-	1		-	-	**	-	1	-
Finance	-	-	1	-	_	-	-	-	1	1
Total "Other"		-	7	3	7+	4	5	1	24	21
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# 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FOR JANUARY, 1935, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER, 1934 AND PRECEDING

#### JANUARIES

(Prepared from the preliminary statements of affairs received from trustees)

		Number of Bankruptices	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
			\$	\$
Prince Edward Island			-	
Nova Scotia		2	6,136	20,160
New Brunswick		1		**
Quebec		59	486,565	632,213
Ontario		5,1	258,973	304,743
Manitoba		9	49,916	74,936
Saskatchewan		5	38,481	49,869
Alberta		6	43,012	68,916
British Columbia		1	200	351,270
Total for January,	1935	107	883,283	1,502,107
Total for December,	1934	124	1,179,839	1,602,122
Total for January,	1934	153	1,910,116	2,009,188
Total for January,	1933	216	3,459,325	4,049,929
Total for January,	1932	238	7,451,553	4,060,643
Total for January,	1931	240	3,090,555	3,970,679
Total for January,	1930	261	9,990,539	8,661,100
Total for January,	1929	269	3,262,257	4,110,756
Total for January,	1928	197	2,208,319	2,811,418



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