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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA IN APRIL, 1936 AND IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS

A noteworthy barometer of business conditions was the betterment in commercial failures in April. The number as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was limited to 100 against 107 in the same month of last year. A slight decline was also shown from March to the lowest point of the first four months. The concerns failing during the first four months of the present year, numbering 438, were less than in any similar period of any year during the period of observation from 1922 to the present. The previous low point of 468 was reached in the same months of last year. Defaulted liabilities amounting in April last to \$1,454,000 showed a considerable decrease from \$1,685,000 in the same months of last year and a slight increase when compared with \$1,402,000 in March 1936.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces.- In the month under review, there were 3 assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 5 in March, 1936, and 7 in April, 1935. A very striking decrease is noted in this latter more significant comparison. The liabilities were about \$55,000.

Quebec.- Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec during April, 1936, numbered 55, as against 50 in March, 1936, and 40 in April, 1935. The liabilities were approximately \$964,000. Of these 55 failures, 32 with liabilities of about \$547,000 took place in the city of Montreal.

Ontario.- In Ontario, the failures numbered 22 as compared with 35 in March, 1936, and 35 in April, 1935. A notable decrease is noted in these comparisons. The liabilities were about \$289,000. In the city of Toronto, there were 3 failures with liabilities of about \$15,000.

Prairie Provinces.- In the three Prairie Provinces, failures increased from 9 in March, 1936, to 18 in April, 1936, and may be compared with 18 in April, 1935. The liabilities totalled \$125,000.

British Columbia.- In British Columbia, commercial failures numbered 2 as compared with 4 in March, 1936 and 7 in April, 1935. The liabilities were about \$21,000.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

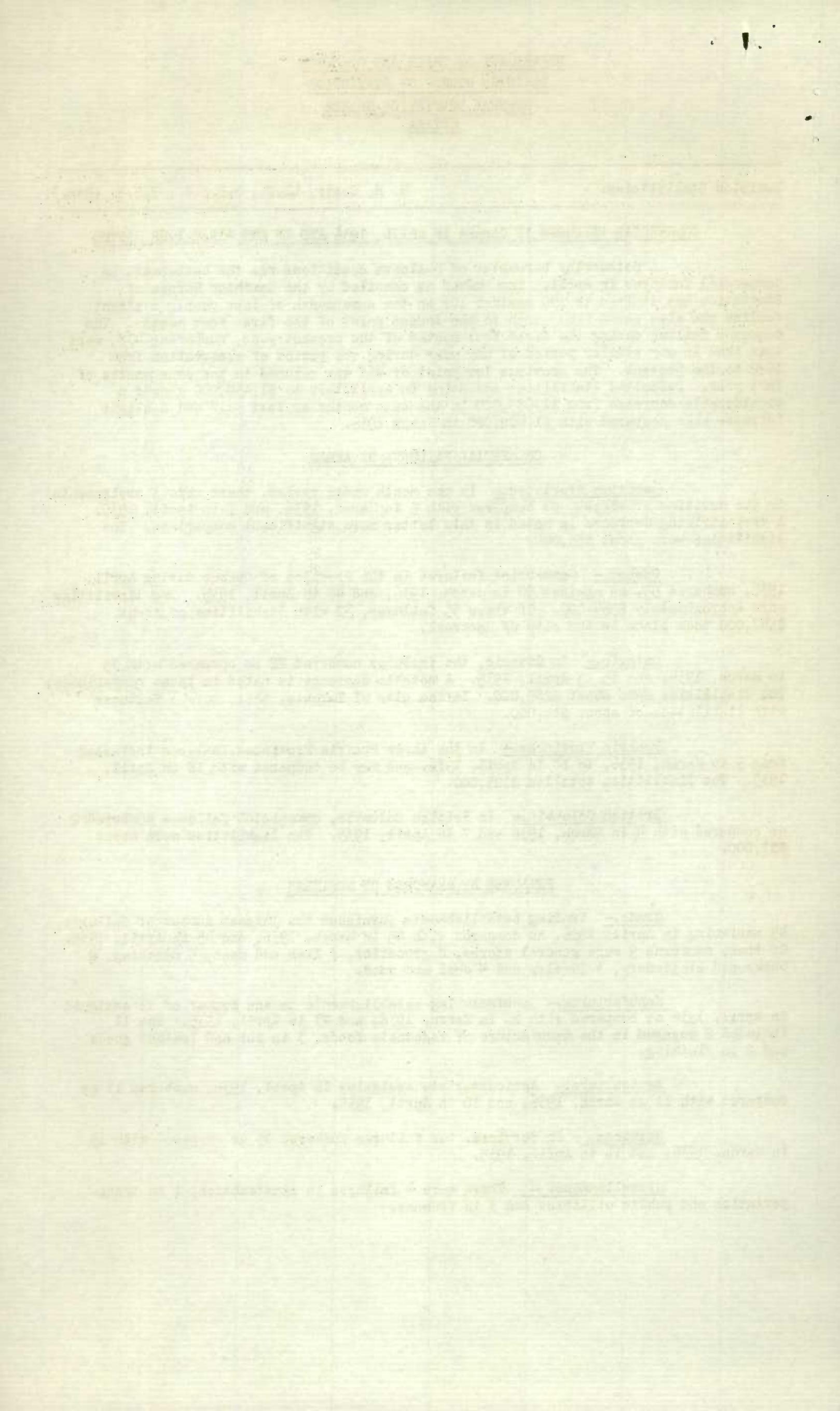
Trade.- Trading establishments furnished the largest number of failures, 45 assigning in April, 1936, as compared with 45 in March, 1936, and 45 in April, 1935. Of these concerns 9 were general stores, 8 groceries, 3 fish and meat, 5 clothing, 2 books and stationery, 3 jewelry and 4 coal and wood.

Manufactures.- Manufacturing establishments to the number of 11 assigned in April, 1936 as compared with 20 in March, 1936, and 23 in April, 1935. The 11 included 2 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 3 in fur and leather goods and 2 in clothing.

Agriculture.- Agriculturists assigning in April, 1936, numbered 13 as compared with 11 in March, 1936, and 10 in April, 1935.

Services. - In Services, the failures numbered 15 as compared with 15 in March, 1936, and 14 in April, 1935.

Miscellaneous. - There were 4 failures in construction, 1 in transportation and public utilities and 3 in finance.



CUMULATIVE FOUR MONTHS' TOTAL OF FAILURES AND LIABILITIES

The cumulative total of commercial failures for the first four months of 1936 was 438, as compared with 468,574 and 806 for the same periods of 1935, 1934 and 1933 respectively. The total failures in trade in the first four months of 1936, were 197 as compared with 225,298 and 436, respectively, for the same periods of the three preceding years. In manufactures, 74 failures in the elapsed period of 1936, may be compared with 67, 80 and 150, respectively, for the same periods of 1935, 1934 and 1933, respectively. The defaulted liabilities for the first 4 months of 1936 were \$5,937,262 as compared with \$5,344,355 in the same period of 1935 and \$8,115,195 and \$14,410,269 for the same periods of 1934 and 1933 respectively.

Cumulative Record of Commercial Failures in Canada, by Provinces
January to April, 1922-1936.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
Comparative Totals for first four months.										
1936	3	8	4	224	127	7	25	28	12	438
1935	2	12	11	224	153	26	18	33	9	468
1934	2	17	14	278	183	21	20	16	23	574
1933	6	25	23	330	299	31	24	41	27	806
1932	5	21	27	327	317	31	33	58	38	857
1931.....	1	12	29	268	273	43	74	49	32	781
1930	1	30	21	391	284	29	35	44	26	861
1929	-	26	24	355	307	24	32	33	19	820
1928	3	27	17	248	248	38	23	55	28	687
1927	1	26	26	224	221	29	24	51	27	629
1926	4	23	23	223	214	36	21	37	14	595
1925	1	31	22	301	276	33	41	62	25	792
1924	-	31	26	346	339	41	66	74	31	954
1923	6	57	16	497	388	110	143	157	60	1,434
1922	5	37	64	488	335	96	104	113	57	1,299

Commercial Failures in Canada by Branches of Business, January
to April, 1924-1936.

Trade	Manu- fact- rues	Agri- cul- ture	Logg- ing, Fish- ing	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	port- ation & Pub. Util.	Trans-			Total	
							Con- struc- tion	port- ation & Pub. Util.	Ser- vice ified		
Comparative Totals for First four Months											
1936	197	74	46	-	4	20	6	5	63	23	438
1935	225	67	51	1	5	21	1	5	58	34	468
1934	298	80	35	-	1	25	9	9	74	43	574
1933	436	150	37	-	1	18	11	2	88	63	806
1932	405	166	77	2	-	22	17	3	111	54	857
1931	393	164	35	3	2	23	15	3	92	51	781
1930	445	174	42	5	3	11	12	13	83	73	861
1929	390	206	44	2	3	27	12	3	86	47	820
1928	293	168	40	11	11	25	15	-	93	31	687
1927	287	140	44	6	4	23	13	-	82	30	629
1926	279	114	52	4	3	21	14	-	75	33	595
1925	451	131	66	7	6	17	5	-	68	41	792
1924	538	123	85	6	2	21	23	2	37	117	954

Statistical Tables. -- The commercial failures in each month from January, 1933 are given by provinces in Table 1, while Table 2 furnishes statistics for commercial failures by branches of business by months from January, 1933, to April, 1936. The detailed figures of failures during April, 1936, are shown by provinces and branches of business in Table 3, and totals for the first four months of the year in Table 5. The assets and liabilities of those failing during April, 1936, and during the first four months of 1936 are shown by provinces in Tables 5 and 6.

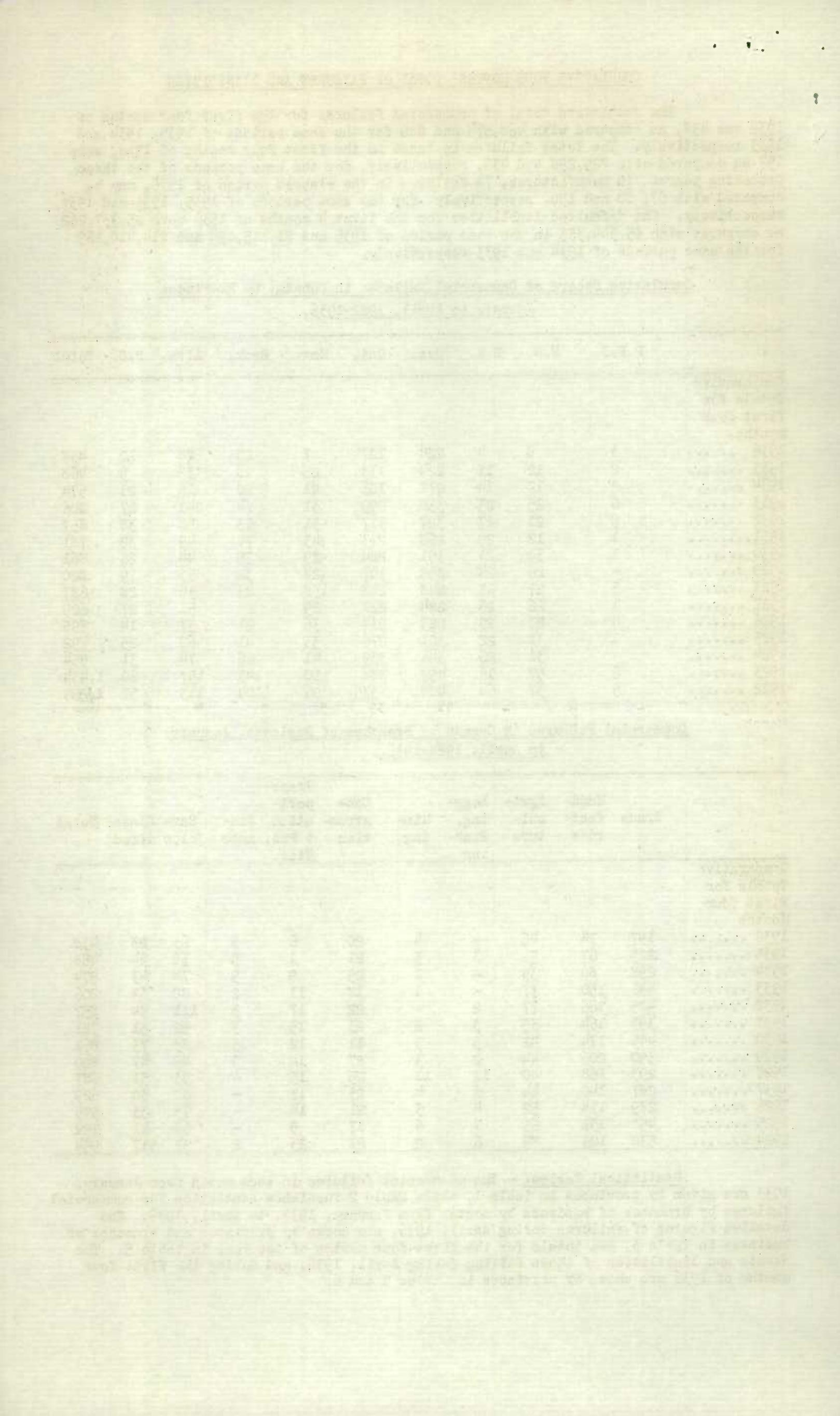


TABLE 1. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND MONTHS, 1932 - 1936

WITH ANNUAL TOTALS FOR 1922 - 1935

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	TOTAL
Total 1922	15	121	131	1,589	1,058	284	272	299	156	3,925
Total 1923	16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
Total 1924	3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
Total 1925	4	71	69	758	720	85	77	129	74	1,996
Total 1926	4	73	74	654	655	84	68	113	58	1,773
Total 1927	4	66	74	658	681	97	54	135	72	1,841
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
Total 1931	7	51	74	795	793	100	158	131	104	2,216
Total 1932	9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420

1933

January	1	8	2	90	79	9	5	13	9	216
February	3	5	6	85	80	11	10	8	6	214
March	1	6	7	80	72	7	4	9	6	192
April	1	6	8	75	68	4	5	11	6	184
May	-	6	3	75	70	4	5	8	4	175
June	1	4	1	70	67	3	4	2	6	158
July	-	3	3	66	56	5	2	5	2	142
August	-	2	2	76	55	7	3	4	1	150
September	-	6	1	80	45	5	5	6	7	155
October	-	1	2	78	43	3	4	10	3	144
November	-	6	1	78	53	3	6	4	4	155
December	3	2	6	82	42	6	6	8	4	159
Total 1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044

1934

January	-	2	4	77	49	7	4	4	6	153
February	-	8	4	71	35	5	5	4	8	140
March	2	4	1	62	54	2	7	6	2	140
April	-	3	5	68	45	7	4	2	7	141
May	1	5	4	68	40	4	4	2	4	132
June	-	3	4	58	34	3	2	2	9	115
July	1	2	3	59	40	8	5	2	2	122
August	-	4	1	53	32	3	2	4	4	103
September	-	2	-	60	38	6	2	3	2	113
October	1	2	6	71	35	5	-	2	8	130
November	1	5	3	65	36	3	1	3	2	119
December	2	2	3	67	36	3	-	8	3	124
Total 1934	8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532

1935

January	2	2	1	59	24	9	5	6	1	107
February	1	3	4	65	30	9	5	12	1	130
March	1	4	2	60	44	2	6	5	-	124
April	-	3	4	40	35	6	2	10	7	107
May	1	1	2	52	30	-	4	4	3	101
June	-	2	4	50	32	4	8	8	2	109
July	-	1	4	54	38	2	5	4	2	110
August	-	3	5	41	30	4	6	3	2	94
September	-	1	3	50	33	2	4	2	3	98
October	-	4	6	48	37	4	5	9	2	115
November	1	2	1	57	28	2	6	8	2	107
December	-	2	1	56	29	2	7	12	3	112
Total 1935	4	28	37	632	390	46	66	83	28	1,314

1936

January	-	4	2	42	38	2	6	7	3	104
February	-	-	1	77	32	4	4	10	3	131
March	1	3	1	50	35	-	7	2	4	103
April	1	2	-	55	22	1	8	9	2	100

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

1933 - 1936, WITH ANNUAL TOTALS FOR 1924 - 1936

Trade	Manu- fact- rues	Agri- cult- ure	Log- ging		Cons- truc- tion	Trans- port- ation	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Net Class- ified	Total
			Fish- ing	Min- ing						
Total 1924	1,317	329	204	14	22	44	36	8	129	216
Total 1925	1,026	403	158	14	15	50	21	5	220	84
Total 1926	805	390	135	27	20	52	34	1	225	84
Total 1927	818	430	116	30	26	53	36	-	243	79
Total 1928	884	505	108	31	23	70	45	5	273	103
Total 1929	1,101	443	125	4	11	61	21	5	239	157
Total 1930	1,204	483	115	12	9	55	48	29	283	159
Total 1931	1,102	464	125	5	7	61	42	21	255	134
Total 1932	1,171	463	190	9	6	83	43	7	290	153

1933

January	121	38	10	2	-	7	3	-	22	15	216
February	117	37	11	-	1	3	2	1	23	19	214
March	98	38	10	-	-	5	4	-	24	13	192
April	100	37	6	-	-	3	2	1	19	16	184
May	87	35	8	-	1	5	3	-	21	15	175
June	81	31	3	-	1	6	3	1	20	12	158
July	74	31	3	-	1	2	2	-	20	9	142
August	75	30	5	1	-	6	3	-	20	10	150
September	87	20	12	-	-	6	1	2	18	9	155
October	80	15	6	-	1	7	-	3	16	16	144
November	85	14	9	-	-	6	2	2	23	14	155
December	84	31	9	-	-	1	1	2	20	11	159
Total 1933	1,089	357	92	1	5	57	26	12	246	159	2,044

1934

January	78	22	12	-	1	7	-	1	20	12	153
February	69	20	9	-	-	6	3	3	17	12	140
March	70	18	7	-	-	6	3	6	19	11	140
April	81	20	7	-	-	4	2	1	18	8	141
May	73	18	7	1	-	3	2	-	17	11	132
June	68	13	5	-	-	4	-	1	14	10	115
July	66	20	4	1	-	7	-	1	17	6	122
August	56	12	4	-	-	4	2	-	19	6	103
September	54	20	4	-	-	4	4	1	13	8	113
October	60	22	6	-	-	4	2	-	26	10	130
November	60	18	7	-	1	4	-	1	16	12	119
December	64	14	10	1	-	6	1	1	16	11	124
Total 1934	799	217	82	3	2	59	20	15	217	117	1,532

1935

January	48	13	15	-	-	7	1	1	17	5	107
February	67	17	15	-	2	6	-	2	13	8	130
March	65	14	11	-	1	5	-	1	14	13	124
April	45	23	10	1	2	3	-	1	14	8	107
May	43	15	14	-	-	4	1	1	15	8	101
June	47	16	14	-	2	5	2	3	18	2	109
July	47	19	7	-	-	6	1	2	22	6	110
August	43	10	17	-	1	5	1	1	13	3	94
September	48	11	9	-	1	5	2	2	13	7	98
October	46	13	23	1	-	4	2	-	20	6	115
November	47	14	16	1	1	7	1	-	14	6	107
December	48	15	22	-	-	5	-	2	13	7	112
Total 1935	594	180	173	3	10	62	11	16	186	79	1,314

1936

January	45	19	10	-	2	5	-	-	15	8	104
February	62	24	12	-	-	5	3	-	18	7	131
March	45	20	11	-	2	6	2	2	15	-	103
April	45	11	13	-	-	4	1	3	15	8	100

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 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

APRIL, 1936.

	P.E.I. and N.B. N. S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Total for 1936	Total for 1935
TRADE										
General Stores	1	-	4	2	-	-	2	-	9	5
Grocery	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	8	4
Confectionery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	3
Fish and Meat	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
Boots and Shoes	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Dry Goods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Clothing	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	5	6
Furniture	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Books and Stationery	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hardware	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Electric Apparatus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jewelry	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	2
Coal and Wood	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	-	4	-
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Miscellaneous	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	6	11
Total Trade	1	-	26	12	-	3	3	-	45	45
MANUFACTURE										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Brick and Tobacco	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur and Leather	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Textiles	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Clothing	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Lumber and Manufactures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Iron and Steel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Metallic Minerals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Miscellaneous	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Total Manufactures	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	11	23
SERVICE										
Garages	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other Customs and Repairs	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	1
Personal Service	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	5	5
Restaurants	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
Professional Service	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	1
Recreational Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Service	-	-	9	4	1	-	-	-	15	14
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	-	1	1	-	5	6	-	13	10
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Construction	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	3
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Finance	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
Total "Other	1	-	6	2	-	5	6	1	21	17
Not Classified	-	4	3	-	-	-	-	1	8	8
GRAND TOTAL	3	-	55	22	1	8	9	2	100	107

4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS IN
THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1936, WITH TOTALS FOR THE
SAME PERIOD OF 1935.

	P.E.I. and N. S.	N. B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B. C.	Total for 1936	Total for 1935
TRADE										
General Stores	2	2	14	9	2	-	4	-	33	37
Grocery	1	-	16	13	-	-	-	-	30	30
Confectionery	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	8	9
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	3	9
Fish and Meat	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	14	15
Boots and Shoes	-	-	7	3	1	-	-	-	11	10
Dry Goods	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	8	17
Clothing	-	-	11	9	1	1	-	-	22	34
Furniture	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	4
Books and Stationery	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Automobile	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	1
Hardware	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	6	8
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Jewelry	-	-	5	2	-	-	1	-	8	9
Coal and Wood	-	-	6	5	-	2	-	-	13	6
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	5	11
Miscellaneous	1	-	12	10	1	1	1	1	27	32
Total Trade	4	3	104	67	5	6	6	2	197	225
MANUFACTURE										
Vegetable Foods	3	-	8	7	-	-	-	-	18	14
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Animal Foods	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Fur and Leather	-	-	7	2	-	-	-	-	9	6
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2	3
Textiles	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	5	1
Clothing	-	-	12	2	-	-	-	-	14	14
Lumber and Manufacture	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	5
Iron and Steel	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Non-Ferrous Metals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Non-Metallic Minerals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	8	13
Total Manufacture	3	-	46	21	1	-	-	3	74	67
SERVICE										
Garages	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	6	9
Other Customs & Repairs	-	-	8	7	-	1	2	-	17	8
Personal Service	-	-	13	7	-	-	-	-	20	25
Restaurants	-	-	5	1	-	1	1	-	8	7
Professional Service	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4	7
Recreational Service	1	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	5	-
Business Service	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	3	2
Total Service	2	-	36	17	1	2	3	2	63	58
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	1	3	5	-	17	19	1	46	51
Mining	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	4	5
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	1
Construction	-	-	15	5	-	-	-	-	20	21
Transportation and Public Utilities	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	6	1
Finance	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	1	5	5
Total Other	1	1	26	14	-	17	19	3	81	84
Not Classified	1	-	12	8	-	-	-	2	23	34
GRAND TOTAL	11	4	224	127	7	25	28	12	438	468

TABLE 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS
AND LIABILITIES FOR APRIL, 1936, WITH TOTALS
FOR MARCH, 1936 AND APRIL, 1935.

	No. of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	No.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	2	14,641	54,029
Nova Scotia	1	75	600
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	55	800,057	963,850
Ontario	22	203,106	289,112
Manitoba	1	3,491	5,538
Saskatchewan	8	27,013	47,243
Alberta	9	59,114	72,241
British Columbia	2	10,357	21,210
Total for April, 1936	100	1,117,354	1,453,823
Total for March, 1936	103	891,466	1,401,747
Total for April, 1935	107	1,271,463	1,685,369

TABLE 6. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF 1936, WITH TOTALS FOR THE
SAME PERIOD ON PREVIOUS YEARS.

	No. of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	No.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	3	16,893	56,569
Nova Scotia	8	69,007	92,063
New Brunswick	4	17,491	19,891
Quebec	224	2,118,056	2,771,610
Ontario	127	1,573,586	2,294,021
Manitoba	7	31,454	80,260
Saskatchewan	25	100,941	163,913
Alberta	28	149,018	290,810
British Columbia	12	121,143	168,125
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1936	438	3,157,562	3,934,362
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1935	468	3,865,825	5,344,355
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1934	574	6,758,281	8,115,195
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1933	806	11,805,325	14,410,269
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1932	857	15,591,115	14,279,102
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1931	781	11,474,327	15,026,005
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1930	861	22,011,735	21,401,776
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1929	820	10,891,198	15,666,295
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1928	687	7,929,615	9,691,853
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1927	629	7,464,298	9,092,266
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1926	595	7,365,826	9,816,537
Cumulative Total for 4 months, 1925	792	8,156,169	11,290,242

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