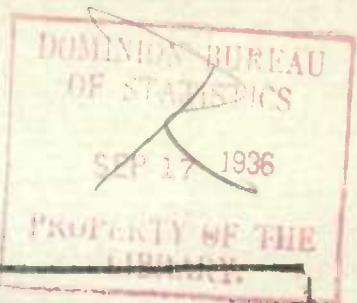


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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA IN MAY, 1936 AND IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS

A noteworthy barometer of business condition was the betterment in commercial failures in May. The number as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics was limited to 91 against 101 in the same month of last year. A decline was also shown from April to the lowest point of the first five months. The concerns failing during the first five months of the present year, numbering 529, were less than in the similar period of any year during the period of observation from 1922 to the present. The previous low point of 569 was reached in the same months of last year. Defaulted liabilities amounting in May last to \$1,146,019 showed a decrease from \$1,295,406 in the same month of last year and also a decrease when compared with \$1,453,823 in April, 1936.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces.- In the month under review, there were 3 assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 3 in April, 1936 and 4 in May, 1935. The liabilities were about \$4,000.

Quebec.- Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec during May, 1936, numbered 45, as against 55 in April, 1936, and 52 in May, 1935. A notable decrease is noted in these comparisons. The liabilities were approximately \$505,000. Of these 45 failures, 29 with liabilities of about \$347,000 took place in the city of Montreal.

Ontario.- In Ontario the failures numbered 31 as compared with 22 in April, 1936 and 30 in May, 1935. The liabilities were about \$528,000. In the city of Toronto, there were 4 failures with liabilities of about \$37,000.

Prairie Provinces.- In the three Prairie Provinces, failures decreased from 18 in April, 1936 to 11 in May, 1936, and may be compared with 12 in May, 1935. The liabilities totalled 68,000. There were 3 failures in the city of Winnipeg with liabilities of about \$7,000.

British Columbia.- In British Columbia, commercial failures numbered 1 as compared with 2 in April, 1936, and 3 in May, 1935.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

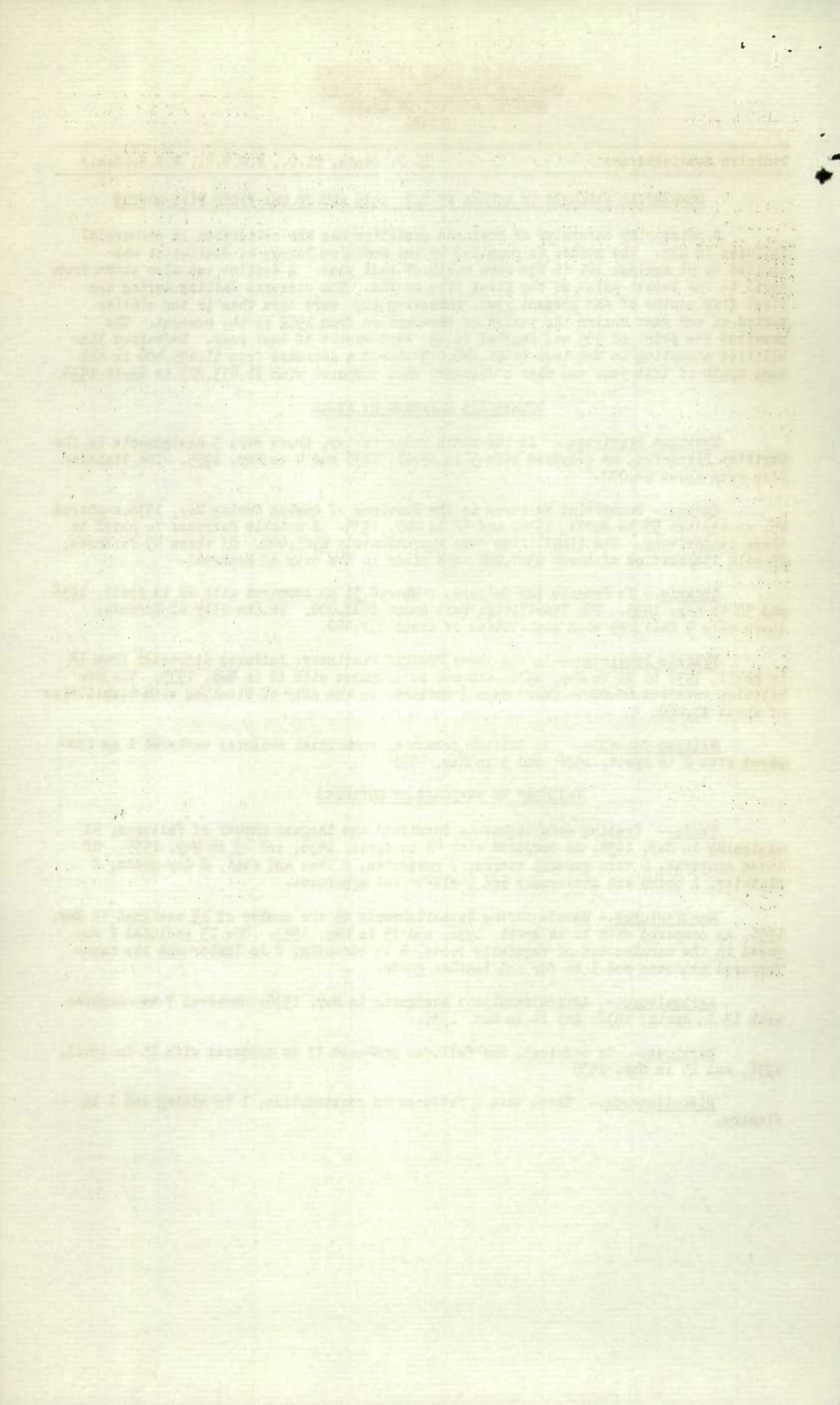
Trade.- Trading establishments furnished the largest number of failures, 41 assigning in May, 1936, as compared with 45 in April, 1936, and 43 in May, 1935. Of these concerns, 6 were general stores, 7 groceries, 2 fish and meat, 2 dry goods, 8 clothing, 1 books and stationery and 1 electrical apparatus.

Manufactures.- Manufacturing establishments to the number of 13 assigned in May, 1936, as compared with 11 in April, 1936, and 15 in May, 1935. The 13 included 2 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 2 in clothing, 2 in lumber and its manufactured products and 1 in fur and leather goods.

Agriculture.- Agriculturalists assigning in May, 1936, numbered 7 as compared with 13 in April, 1936, and 14 in May, 1935.

Services.- In Services, the failures numbered 17 as compared with 15 in April, 1936, and 15 in May, 1935.

Miscellaneous.- There were 5 failures in construction, 1 in mining and 1 in finance.



CUMULATIVE FIVE MONTHS' TOTAL OF FAILURES AND LIABILITIES

The cumulative total of commercial failures for the first five months of 1936 was 529, as compared with 569, 706 and 981 for the same periods of 1935, 1934 and 1933, respectively. The total failures in trade in the first five months of 1936 were 238 as compared with 268, 371 and 523, respectively, for the same periods of the three preceding years. In manufactures, 87 failures in the elapsed period of 1936, may be compared with 82, 98 and 185, respectively, for the same periods of 1935, 1934 and 1933. The defaulted liabilities for the first 5 months of 1936 were \$7,083,281 as compared with \$6,639,761 in the same period of 1935 and \$10,596,705 and \$17,027,069 for the same periods of 1934 and 1933, respectively.

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

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
Comparative Totals for first five months.										
1936	3	10	5	269	158	12	30	29	13	529
1935	3	13	13	276	163	26	26	37	12	569
1934	3	22	18	346	223	25	24	18	27	706
1933	6	31	26	405	369	35	29	49	31	981
1932	6	27	34	407	396	39	41	62	49	1,061
1931	1	16	32	324	337	49	89	55	41	944
1930	1	32	21	451	349	39	43	55	36	1,027
1929	-	30	31	437	377	28	36	43	223	1,005
1928	3	31	24	299	305	45	30	63	35	835
1927	1	30	31	265	279	35	28	61	30	760
1926	4	27	29	262	263	44	23	41	22	715
1925	2	34	31	367	333	38	49	73	25	952
1924	-	36	29	411	408	51	78	83	37	1,133
1923	8	75	23	596	473	131	165	177	77	1,725
1922	5	46	70	623	420	119	124	133	68	1,608

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

Trade	Manu-fact- ures	Agri-cul-ture	Logg-ing, Fish-ing	Min-ing	Con-struct-ion	Trans-port- & Pub.ance Util.	Fin	Ser-vice	Class- ified	Total	
Comparative Totals for First five Months											
1936	238	87	53	-	5	25	6	6	80	29	529
1935	268	82	65	1	5	25	2	6	73	42	569
1934	371	98	42	-	2	30	9	9	91	54	706
1933	523	185	45	-	2	23	14	2	109	78	981
1932	499	213	88	3	-	28	25	3	132	70	1,061
1931	475	199	144	3	2	26	18	3	112	62	944
1930	527	207	49	6	4	16	16	14	103	85	1,027
1929	491	239	61	2	3	33	12	3	98	63	1,005
1928	350	210	45	14	12	29	22	-	111	42	835
1927	332	179	53	10	6	29	17	-	101	33	760
1926	336	140	59	7	6	24	16	-	89	38	715
1925	539	164	77	7	7	19	5	1	88	45	952
1924	647	149	95	8	2	22	26	5	47	132	1,133

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 May, 1936. The detailed figures of failures during May, 1936, are shown by provinces and branches of business in Table 3, and totals for the first five months of the year in Table 5. The assets and liabilities of those failing during May, 1936, and during the first five 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

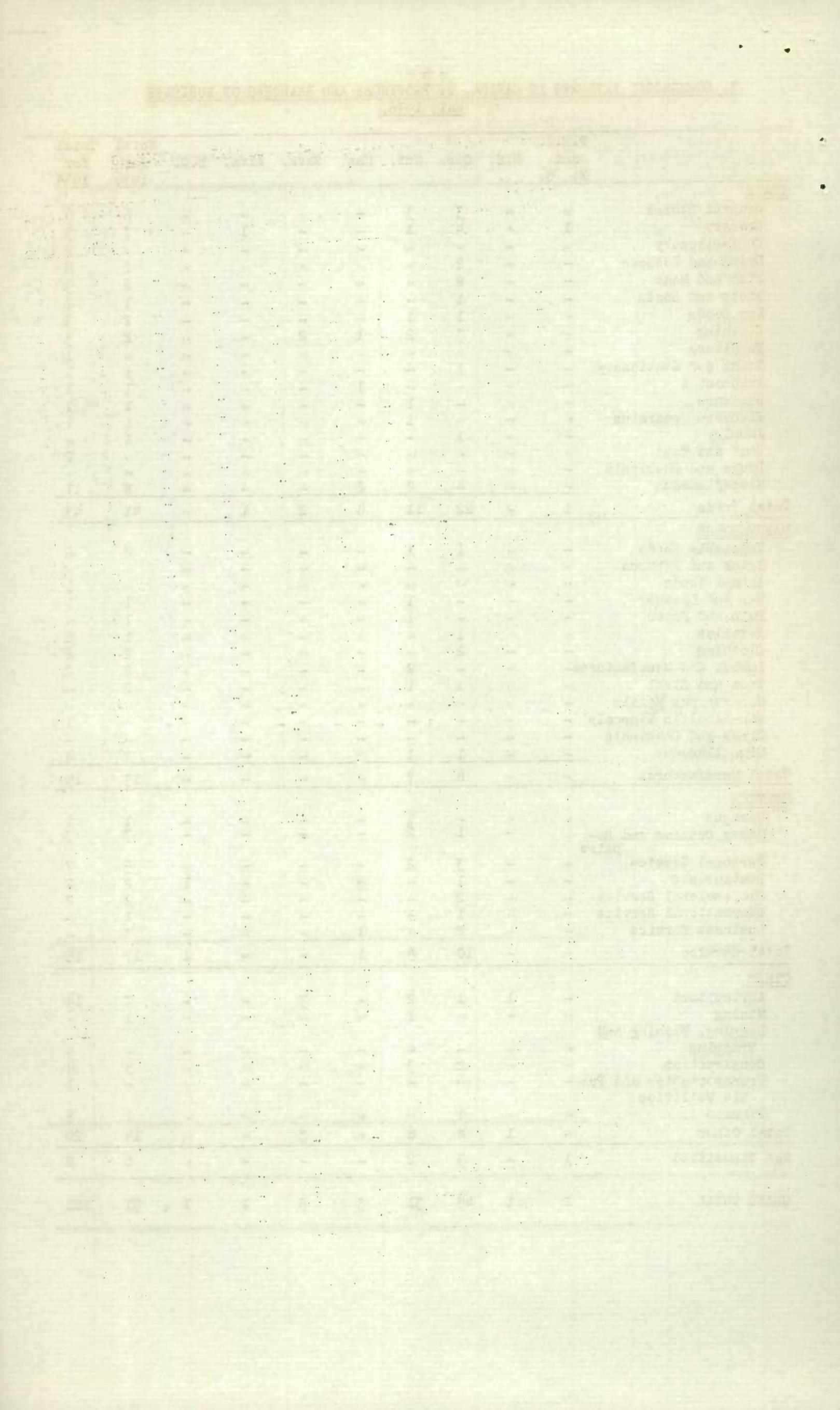
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
Total 1922 -	15	121	131	1,589	1,058	284	272	299	156	3,925
Total 1923 -	16	155	67	1,181	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
Total 1924 -	3	69	67	907	835	100	131	150	57	2,319
Total 1925 -	4	71	68	758	720	85	77	129	74	1,996
Total 1926 -	4	63	74	654	655	84	68	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	151	131	104	2,216
Total 1932 -	9	62	80	968	889	86	91	131	104	2,420
<u>1933</u>										
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	3	4	159
Total 1933	10	55	42	935	730	67	59	88	58	2,044
<u>1934</u>										
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	4	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	121
Total 1934	8	42	38	779	474	56	36	42	57	1,532
<u>1935</u>										
January	-	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	-	8	4	3	101
June	-	2	4	50	32	4	7	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
<u>1936</u>										
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	2	1	-	55	22	1	8	9	2	100
May	-	2	1	45	31	5	5	1	1	91

TABLE 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS AND MONTHS
1933 - 1936, WITH ANNUAL TOTALS FOR 1924 - 1936

Trade	Logg- Manuf Agri- ing										Class- ified	Total
	fact- ures	cult- ure	Fish- ing	Min- ing	Cons- truc- tion	Trans- port- ation	Fin- ance	Ser- vice				
Total 1924	1,317	329	204	14	22	44	36	8	129	210	2,319	
Total 1925	1,026	403	158	14	15	50	21	5	220	84	1,996	
Total 1926	805	390	135	27	20	52	34	1	225	84	1,773	
Total 1927	818	430	116	30	26	63	36	-	243	79	1,841	
Total 1928	884	505	108	31	23	70	45	5	279	103	2,037	
Total 1929	1,101	443	125	4	11	61	21	5	239	157	2,167	
Total 1930	1,204	488	115	12	9	55	48	29	283	159	2,402	
Total 1931	1,102	464	125	5	7	61	42	21	255	134	2,216	
Total 1932	1,171	468	190	9	6	83	43	7	290	153	2,420	
						<u>1933</u>						
January	121	38	10	-	-	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	81	31	9	-	-	1	1	2	20	11	159	
Total 1933	1,089	357	92	1	5	57	26	12	246	159	2,044	
						<u>1934</u>						
January	78	22	12	-	1	7	-	1	20	12	153	
February	69	20	9	-	-	6	-4	5	17	12	140	
March	70	18	7	-	-	6	5	6	19	11	140	
April	81	20	7	-	-	4	2	1	18	8	141	
May	73	18	7	1	-	3	2	-	17	11	152	
June	68	13	5	-	-	4	1	1	14	10	115	
July	66	20	4	1	-	7	1	1	17	6	122	
August	56	12	4	-	-	4	2	-	19	6	103	
September	54	20	4	-	-	4	4	1	18	8	113	
October	60	22	6	-	-	4	2	-	26	10	130	
November	60	18	7	-	1	4	-	1	16	12	119	
December	64	11	10	1	-	6	1	1	16	11	124	
Total 1934	795	217	82	3	2	59	20	15	217	117	1,532	
						<u>1935</u>						
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	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	
						<u>1936</u>						
January	45	19	10	-	2	5	-	-	15	8	104	
February	62	24	12	-	1	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	
May	41	13	7	-	1	5	-	1	17	6	91	

3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
MAY, 1936.

	P.E.I. and N.B. N. S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for 1936	Total for 1935
<u>TRADE</u>										
General Stores	*	*	3	3	-	-	-	-	6	6
Grocery	1	-	4	1	-	-	1	-	7	5
Confectionery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Fish and Meat	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Boots and Shoes	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Dry Goods	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	3
Clothing	-	-	3	2	1	2	-	-	8	3
Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Books and Stationery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Automobile	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Hardware	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Electric Apparatus	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jewelry	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Coal and Wood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	6	8	11
Total Trade	1	-	22	11	4	2	1	-	41	43
<u>MANUFACTURE</u>										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	2
Brick and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fur and Leather	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Textiles	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Clothing	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Lumber and Manufactures	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Iron and Steel	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Metallic Minerals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	4
Total Manufactures	-	-	6	7	-	-	-	-	13	15
<u>SERVICE</u>										
Garages	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other Customs and Re- pairs	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	3
Personal Service	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	5	7
Restaurants	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Professional Service	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Recreational Service	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Business Service	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3	-
Total Service	-	-	10	5	1	-	-	1	17	15
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	1	1	2	-	3	-	-	7	14
Mining	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	5	4
Transportation and Pub- lic Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Finance ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total Other	-	1	4	6	-	3	-	-	14	20
Not Classified	1	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	6	8
GRAND TOTAL	2	1	45	31	5	5	1	1	91	101



4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS IN
THE FIRST FIVE 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	17	12	2	-	4	-	39	43
Grocery	2	-	20	14	-	-	1	-	37	35
Confectionery	-	-	5	3	-	-	-	-	8	11
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	3	1	-	1	-	-	5	11
Fish and Meat	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	16	18
Boots and Shoes	-	-	8	7	1	-	-	-	12	11
Dry Goods	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	10	20
Clothing	-	-	14	11	2	3	-	-	30	37
Furniture	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	5
Books and Stationery	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	4	4
Automobile	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3	2
Hardware	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	7	9
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	3	1
Jewelry	-	-	6	2	-	-	1	-	9	9
Coal and Wood	-	-	6	5	-	2	-	-	13	8
Drugs and Chemicals	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	5	11
Miscellaneous	1	-	16	12	3	1	1	1	35	43
Total Trade	5	3	126	78	9	8	7	2	238	268
MANUFACTURE										
Vegetable Foods	3	-	9	8	-	-	-	-	20	16
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	-
Animal Foods	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	3	2
Fur and Leather	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	10	7
Pulp and Paper	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	3	3
Textiles	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	6	5
Clothing	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	16	16
Lumber and Manufacture	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	1	11
Iron and Steel	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	7	4
Non-Ferrous Metals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Non-Metallic Minerals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	..	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	10	17
Total Manufacture	3	-	52	28	1	-	-	3	87	82
SERVICE										
Garages	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	-	7	10
Other Customs & Repairs	-	-	9	9	-	1	1	-	20	11
Personal Service	-	-	16	9	-	-	-	-	25	32
Restaurants	-	-	6	1	-	1	1	-	10	9
Professional Service	2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	6	9
Recreational Service	1	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	6	-
Business Service	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	2	6	2
Total Service	2	-	46	22	2	2	3	3	80	73
OTHER										
Agriculture	-	2	4	7	-	20	19	1	53	65
Mining	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	5	5
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Construction	-	-	17	8	-	-	-	-	25	25
Transportation and Public Utilities	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	6	2
Finance	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	6	6
Total Other	1	2	30	20	-	20	19	3	95	104
Not Classified	2	-	15	10	-	-	-	2	29	42
GRAND TOTAL	13	5	269	158	12	30	29	13	529	569

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

	No. of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	No.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	2	2,062	4,002
New Brunswick	1	-	-
Quebec	45	292,878	504,686
Ontario	31	270,388	528,461
Manitoba	5	6,079	10,208
Saskatchewan	5	24,787	53,457
Alberta	1	2,544	3,877
British Columbia	1	16,828	41,328
Total for May, 1936	91	615,566	1,146,019
Total for April, 1936	100	1,117,854	1,453,823
Total for May, 1935	101	954,179	1,295,406

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

	No. of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	No.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	3	16,893	56,569
Nova Scotia	10	71,069	96,065
New Brunswick	5	17,491	19,891
Quebec	269	2,410,934	3,276,296
Ontario	158	1,843,974	2,822,482
Manitoba	12	37,533	90,468
Saskatchewan	30	125,728	217,370
Alberta	29	151,562	294,687
British Columbia	13	137,971	209,453
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1936	529	4,813,155	7,083,281
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1935	569	4,820,004	6,639,761
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1934	706	9,418,729	10,596,705
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1933	981	13,931,120	17,027,069
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1932	1,061	18,054,986	17,427,169
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1931	944	13,910,506	17,996,421
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1930	1,027	24,053,952	24,002,531
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1929	1,005	12,851,300	18,069,077
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1928	835	9,936,883	11,979,969
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1927	760	9,405,272	11,920,951
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1926	715	8,983,939	11,881,922
Cumulative Total for 5 months, 1925	957	12,218,761	14,665,727

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