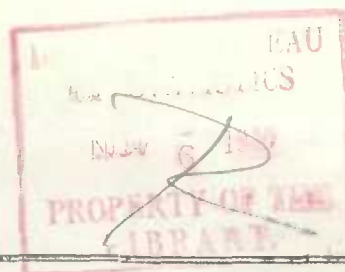


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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA FOR AUGUST, 1940.

The total number of commercial failures in Canada, in August, 1940 as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts, was decidedly lower at 86 as compared with 119 for the corresponding month of 1939; and may be compared with 91 for August, 1938. The defaulted liabilities for August, 1940, were \$650,185 as compared with \$1,153,726 for August, 1939, and may be compared with \$902,845 for July, 1940. Thus defaulted liabilities showed a striking decrease in both comparisons.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces. - In the month under review, there were 3 assignments in the Maritime Provinces as compared with 3 in July, 1940, and 7 in August, 1939. A decided decrease is noted when compared with the same month of last year. The liabilities were approximately \$22,000.

Quebec. - Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec during August, 1940 numbered 49 as against 49 in July, 1940, and 54 in August, 1939. A decrease is shown when compared with the same month of last year. The liabilities were approximately \$334,000.

Ontario. - In Ontario, the failures numbered 27 as compared with 31 in July, 1940, and 38 in August, 1939. Striking decreases are shown in both comparisons. The liabilities were about \$249,000.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, failures decreased from 18 in July, 1940, to 5 in August, 1940, and may be compared with 12 in August, 1939. The liabilities were about \$23,000.

British Columbia. - In British Columbia, commercial failures numbered 2 and may be compared with 4 in July, 1940, and 8 in August, 1940. The estimated liabilities were about \$21,000.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

Trade. - Trading establishments furnished the largest number of failures, 39 assigning in August, 1940, as compared with 48 in July, 1940, and 58 in August, 1939. A decided decrease is noted in both comparisons. Of these 39 comparisons, 5 were general stores, 6 groceries, 3 fish and meat, 3 clothing, 2 automobile and 2 hardware.

Manufactures. - Manufacturing establishments to the number of 17 assigned in August, 1940, as compared with 17 in July, 1940, and 17 in August, 1939. The 17 included 3 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 1 in animal foods, 4 in clothing and 1 in lumber and its manufactured products.

Agriculture. - Agriculturists assigning in August, 1940, totalled 5 and may be compared with 5 in July, 1940, and 7 in August, 1939. A decrease is noted in this latter more significant comparison.

Services. - In commercial services, failures numbered 15 and may be compared with 17 in July, 1940, and 17 in August, 1940.

Miscellaneous. - There were 5 failures in construction, 2 in transportation and 1 in logging.

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THE REACTION OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE WITH
SODIUM HYDROGEN SULFATE

The reaction of hydrogen peroxide with sodium hydrogen sulfate has been studied in the presence of various catalysts. The reaction is exothermic and proceeds rapidly at room temperature. The rate of reaction is increased by the presence of certain metal ions, particularly iron and copper. The reaction is inhibited by the presence of certain organic compounds, particularly alcohols and amines. The reaction is also affected by the concentration of the reactants and the pH of the solution.

EXPERIMENTAL

The reaction was carried out in a glass vessel equipped with a magnetic stirrer and a thermometer. The reactants were weighed accurately and the reaction mixture was stirred continuously. The temperature was recorded at regular intervals. The reaction was stopped by the addition of a large excess of water.

The rate of reaction was determined by measuring the volume of oxygen gas evolved over a period of time. The gas was collected over water and the volume was corrected for the vapor pressure of water. The rate of reaction was also determined by measuring the change in the concentration of hydrogen peroxide over time.

The effect of various catalysts on the rate of reaction was studied. The catalysts used were iron(II) sulfate, copper(II) sulfate, and ceric(IV) sulfate. The rate of reaction was measured for each catalyst at different concentrations.

The effect of the concentration of the reactants on the rate of reaction was also studied. The concentration of sodium hydrogen sulfate was varied while the concentration of hydrogen peroxide was kept constant. The rate of reaction was measured for each concentration.

The effect of the pH of the solution on the rate of reaction was also studied. The pH was varied by the addition of small amounts of acid or base. The rate of reaction was measured for each pH.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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The effect of the concentration of the reactants on the rate of reaction was also studied. The concentration of sodium hydrogen sulfate was varied while the concentration of hydrogen peroxide was kept constant. The rate of reaction was measured for each concentration.

The effect of the pH of the solution on the rate of reaction was also studied. The pH was varied by the addition of small amounts of acid or base. The rate of reaction was measured for each pH.

1. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS
AUGUST, 1940.

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for August	
									1940	1939
<u>TRADE</u>										
General Stores	-	-	4	-	-	1	-	-	5	8
Grocery	2	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	6	7
Confectionery	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Fish and Meat	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	3
Boots and Shoes	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Dry Goods	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	6
Clothing	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	7
Furniture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Books and Stationery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Automobile	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Hardware	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3
Electric Apparatus	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Jewelry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Coal and Wood	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	1	5	2
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Miscellaneous	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	5	6
Total	2	-	22	11	1	1	-	2	39	58
<u>MANUFACTURE</u>										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	4
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Animal Foods	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Fur and Leather	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Pulp and Paper	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Textiles	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Clothing	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	4	1
Lumber and Manufacture	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Iron and Steel	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Non-ferrous Metals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Metallic Minerals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-
Total	1	-	7	8	1	-	-	-	17	17
<u>SERVICE</u>										
Garage	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	3	1
Other Customs and Repairs	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	3
Personal Service	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	4	6
Restaurants	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	4	4
Professional Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Recreational Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	-	-	10	4	1	-	-	-	15	17
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	5	7
Mining	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Logging, Fishing and Trapping	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Construction	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	-	5	7
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	8	4	1	-	-	-	13	18
Not Classified	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	9
GRAND TOTAL	3	-	49	27	4	1	-	2	86	119

Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR JULY, 1940, WITH TOTALS FOR JULY, 1940 AND AUGUST, 1939.

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	No.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	3	16,775	22,069
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	49	302,172	334,204
Ontario	27	238,581	249,338
Manitoba	4	11,802	18,453
Saskatchewan	1	5,649	4,999
Alberta	-	-	-
British Columbia	2	4,697	21,123
Total for August, 1940	86	579,676	650,186
Total for July, 1940	105	666,560	902,845
Total for August, 1939	119	992,240	1,153,726

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1940.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	2	2	1	65	38	3	4	3	6	124
February	-	-	3	58	30	4	6	3	3	107
March	-	1	-	55	32	6	1	3	2	100
April	-	5	3	50	33	3	7	3	4	108
May	-	4	2	55	31	3	6	7	2	110
June	-	6	2	50	29	4	6	2	3	102
July	-	3	-	49	31	5	8	5	4	105
August	-	3	-	49	27	4	1	-	2	86

Table 4. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1940.

	Trade	Manu- factures	Agri- cul- ture	Logg- ing, Fish- ing, Trap.	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Serv- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
January	62	16	8	1	3	5	3	-	19	7	124
February	55	17	9	-	1	3	1	1	19	3	107
March	61	13	7	-	1	2	1	1	13	1	100
April	59	13	7	-	-	4	-	2	13	10	108
May	61	15	8	-	4	5	-	1	13	3	110
June	46	12	8	1	1	5	-	2	21	6	102
July	48	17	5	1	2	7	1	1	17	6	105
August	39	17	5	1	-	5	2	-	15	2	86



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