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COMMERCIAL FATTURES IN CANADA FOR SEPTEMBER, 1940.

The cumulative total number of commercial failures in Canada, as reported to the Dominion Bursau of Statistics under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts, showed a marked decrease at 65 as compared with 107 for the corresponding period of 1959; and may also be compared with 107 for the corresponding period of 1938. The defaulted liabilities for September 1940, were \$532,429 as compared with \$1,265,149 for September, 1939, and may be compared with \$650,186 for August, 1940. Thus, defaulted liabilities showed a considerable decrease in both comparisons.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces . In the month under review, there was 1 assignment in the Maritime Provinces as compared with 3 in August, 1940, and 7 in September, 1939. A remarkable decrease is shown when compared with the same month of last year.

Quebec. - Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec during September, 1940, numbered 36 as against 49 in August, 1940, and 53 in September, 1939. A notable lacrease is shown in both comparisons. The liabilities were approximately \$312,000.

Ontario. In outario, the failures numbered 24 as compared with 27 in August, 1940, and 30 in September, 1939. The liabilities were about \$204,000.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, failures decreased from 5 in August to 2 in September, 1940, and may be compared with 15 in September, 1939. The liabilities totalled \$9,000.

British Columbia, The British Columbia, commercial failures numbered 2 and may be compared with 2 in August, 1940, and 2 in September, 1939. The liabilities were about \$7,000.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

Trade. Trading establishments furnished the largest number of failures, 32 assigning in September, 1940, as compared with 39 in August, 1940, and 54 in September, 1939. A decided decrease is noted in this latter more significant comparison. If these 32 concerns, 5 were general stores, 6 groceries, 3 dry goods, 2 clothing and 1 drogs and chemicals.

Manufactures a Manufacturing establishments showed the greatest decline in September, 1940. Tailures to the number of 8 were reported in September, 1940, as compared with 17 in August, 1940, and 14 in September, 1939. The 8 included 2 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 1 in animal foods, 1 in fur and leather goods, and 1 in the manufacture of clothing.

Agriculture. Agriculturists assigning in September, 1940, totalled 2 and may be compared with 5 in August, 1940, and 10 in September, 1939. An unusual decrease is noted in both comparisons.

Services. The commercial services, failures numbered 17 and may be compared with 15 in August, 1940, and 16 in September, 1940; in increase is noted in both comparisons.

Miscellaneous, - There were 4 failures in construction and 1 in mining.

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

| | P.E.I. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | Total for September | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|------|-------|---------|-------|--------|--------------|------------------------|------|
| | N.S. | 21.2 | - | 0 | | | | | 1940 | 1939 |
| TRADE | | | | | | | | | | |
| General Stores | | _ | 2 | 2 | 100 | 1 | | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Grocery | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 200 | 1 | dette | 1 | 56 | 7 |
| Confectionery | _ | | - | 2 | | 446 | 010 | - | 2 | - |
| Drink and Tobacco | geat . | | 1 | 2 | - | - | 640 | - | 3 | 1 |
| Fish and Meat | - | 040 | - | 1 | - | 000 | *** | - | í | 4 |
| Boots and Shoes | | - | 1 | - | *** | ** | 010 | - | 1 | 3 |
| Dry Goods | 200 | 2. | 1 | 2 | 940 | *** | 90 | - | - | 4 |
| Clothing | ** | 400 | - | 2 | - | *** | 440 | | 3 2 | g |
| Furniture | - | 040 | 1 | - | | - | 900 | *** | 1 | 980 |
| Books and Stationery | • | 400 | - | | - | - | ine | 444 | ** | 3 |
| Automobile | - | - | 1 | - | - | ** | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Hardware | _ | | ī | 200 | - | - | - | 940 | ī | 3 |
| Electric Apparatus | _ | - | | - | - | | *** | | - | |
| Jewelry | 2 | - | - | Date | - | 100 | - | - | 9-9 | 9 |
| Coal and Wood | _ | _ | 1 | - 1 | • | - | pop . | | 1 | 2 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | | - | 1 | Det . | _ | - | bes . | Tree Control | ī | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | | 010 | 2 | 2 | - | | ereine | 600 | 4 | 14 |
| | | - | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 1 | - | 14 | 14 | | 2 | em. | 1 | 32 | 54 |
| I WAS TURE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vegetable Foods | 800 | - | 2 | - | - | *** | 100 | ** | S | 2 |
| Brink and Tobacco | - | 0.00 | 40 | 000 | tener | deed | 949 | - | - | - |
| Animal Foods | - | - | 1 | - | - | les . | | 000 | 1 | 1 |
| Fur and Leather | | - | ten | 1 | - | 400 | 100 | | 1 | 1 |
| Pulp and Paper | *** | em . | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0-0 | - |
| Textiles | 000 | 040 | 1 | - | *** | - | - | 000 | 1 | 1 |
| Clothing | em . | em. | 1 | _ | - | | ** | | 1 | 3 |
| Lumber and Manufacture | enn en | _ | 0-0 | - | - | - | | desp | - | 2 |
| Iron and Steel | - | - | - | 1 | tee | 940 | 0-0 | - | 1 | 2 |
| Non-ferrous Metals | - | - | 000 | • | 0.00 | 4 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Non-Metallac Minerals | 100 | - | 44 | | - | 949 | 048 | 040 | deta. | 90 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | • | - | - | 444 | ** | 440 | - | 040 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 949 | - | 1 | 949 | grant . | 400 | ↔ | esh . | 1 | - |
| Total | 349 | - | 6 | 2 | 24 | 44 | - | - | g | 14 |
| | - | | - | | | | | | | |
| SERVICE | | | | | | | | | - | 0 |
| Garage | | 000 | 1 | 640 | ale | 200 | Ned . | - | 1 | 2 |
| Other Customs and | | | | _ | | | | | - | 14 |
| Repairs | - | - ten | 5 | 3 | - | 940 | - | _ | 56 | 4 |
| Personal Service | *** | meh. | 3 | 3 | *** | ** | - | ** | | 6 |
| Restaurants | • | - | 1 | - | *** | - | - | 3 | 5 | 2 |
| Professional Service | •• | 444 | 2 | 040 | 100 | - | - | 0.0 | | 2 |
| Recreational Service | • | dine | - | 640 | - | - | 0:05 | - | *** | - |
| Business Service | 146 | - | 1 | *** | ** | ** | | Det . | 1 | - 6 |
| Total | (he) | 100 | 10 | 6 | 100 | | - | 1 | 17 | 16 |
| GRANA. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Agriculture | - | the . | 2 | 100 | - 00 | ** | *** | ** | 2 | 10 |
| Mining | ** | design | 1 | 0-0 | - | 000 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Logging, Fishing | | | | | | | | | | |
| and Trapping | ** | *** | 3 | *** | ** | den | - | - | <u>¥</u> | 5 |
| Construction | ** | | 3 | 3 | - | ** | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Transportation and | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public Utilities | ** | - | • | - | - | 000 | - | 806 | - | 1 |
| Finance | - | ~ | ** | 944 | | - | 846 | - | 049 | 849 |
| Total | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | - | ** | ** | 7 | 18 |
| Not Classified | - | - | - | 1 | - | | - | - | 1 | 5 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 1 | | 36 | 24 | | 3 | | 0.0 | 65 | 107 |
| GIMIND TOTAL | 1 | 4-4 | 20 | 4 | 0-0 | 2 | 989 | 12 | 07 | 107 |

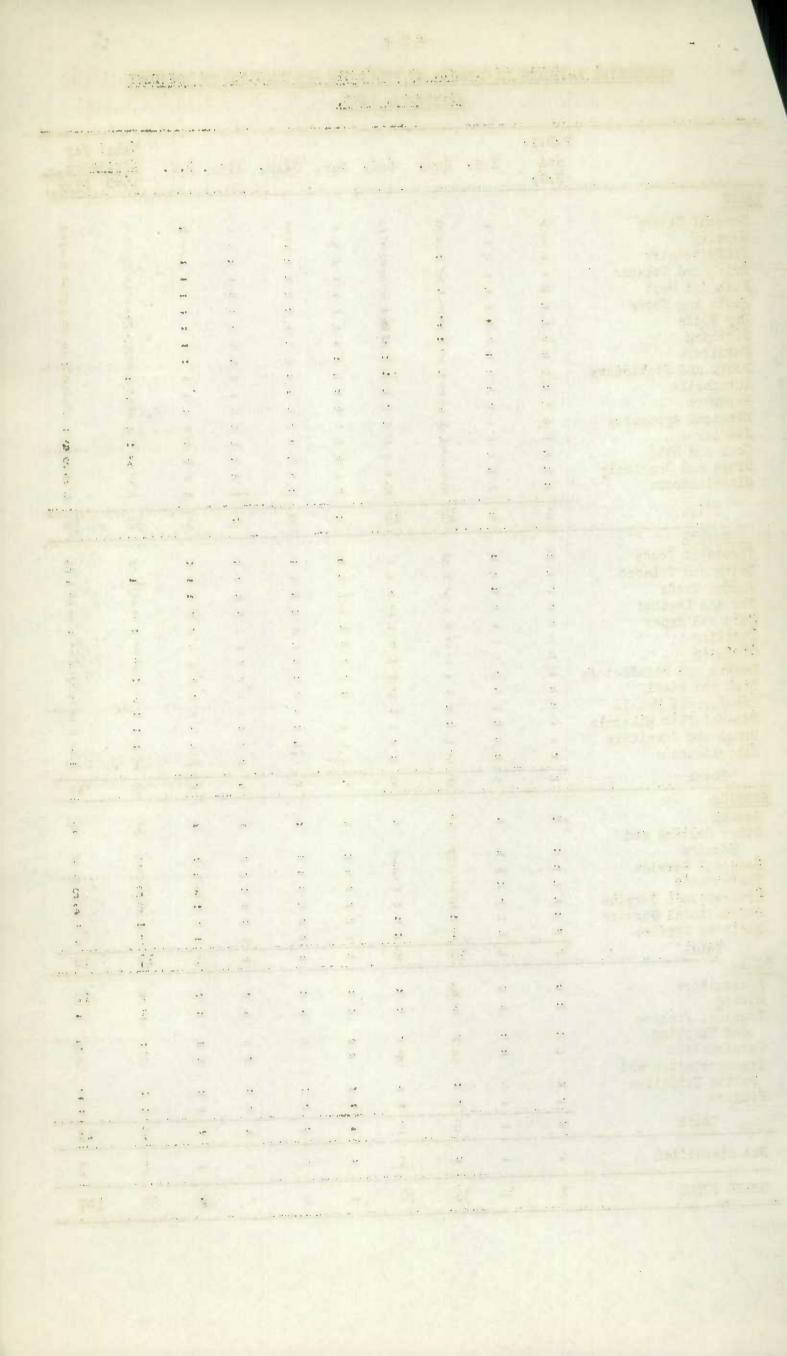


Table 2. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR SEPTEMBER, 1940, WITH TOTALS FOR AUGUST, 1940 AND SEPTEMBER, 1939

| | Number of Bankruptcies | Estimated Grand Total Assets | Estimated Grand Total Liabilities |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | Noo | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island | • | • | - |
| Nova Scotia | 1 | 4 | - |
| New Brunswick | ₩ | | - |
| Quebec | 36 24 | 215, 368 | 312,045 |
| Ontario | 24 | 171,016 | 204,331 |
| Manitoba | - | - | |
| Saskatchewan | 2 | 3,612 | 8,579 |
| Alberta | - | - | \$40 |
| British Columbia | 2 | 387 | 7,474 |
| Total for September, 1940 | 65 | 390,383 | 532,429 |
| Total for August, 1940 | 86 | 579,676 | 659,186 |
| Total for September, 1939 | 108 | 767,841 | 1,292,696 |

Table 3. - COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1940.

| | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.0. | Rotal |
|-----------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| January | 2 | 2 | 1 | 65 | 38 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 124 |
| February | pm | | 3 | 58 | 30 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 107 |
| March | - | 1 | _ | 56 | 32 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 100 |
| April | 049 | 5 | 3 | 50 | 33 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 108 |
| May | - | 4 | 2 | 55 | 31 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 110 |
| June | 000 | 6 | 2 | 50 | 29 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 102 |
| July | - | 3 | endp | 49 | 31 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 105 |
| August | - | 3 | | 49 | 27 | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 86 |
| September | 000 | 1 | 963 | 36 | 5/1 | ewb | 2 | - | 2 | 65 |

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

| | Trade | Manu- fact- ures | Agri- cul- ture | logg- lng, Fish- ing, Trap. | Min- ing | Con- struc- tion | Trans- porta- tion | | | Not Class- ified | Total |
|-----------|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----|----|------------------------|-------|
| January | ,62 | 16 | g | 1 | 3 | 5 | 3 | E 9 | 19 | 7 | 124 |
| February | 53 | 17 | 9 | - | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 3 | 107 |
| Warch | 61 | 13 | 7 | *** | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 1 | 100 |
| April | 59 | 13 | 7 | 0-0 | 040 | 7 | 676 | 2 | 13 | 10 | 108 |
| May | 61 | 15 | 8 | 919 | 4 | 5 | to A | 1 | 13 | 3 | 110 |
| June | 46 | 12 | g | 1 | 1 | 5 | Bridg . | 2 | 21 | 6 | 102 |
| July | 48 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 17 | 6 | 105 |
| August | 39 | 17 | 5 | 1 | ć, | 5 | 2 | 646 | 15 | 2 | 86 |
| September | 32 | g | 2 | **** | 1 | 4 | ture | 619 | 17 | 1 | 65 |



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