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## MARCH 1941

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## COMGERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA IN MARCH, 1941.

The total number of commercial failures in Canada, in March, 1941 as ceported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under the provisions of the bankruptcy and Winding-Up Acts, showed a decrease at 92 as compared with 100 for the corresponding month of $\mathbf{i} 940$; and may also be compared with 114 for the same month of 1939. The defaulted liabilities for March, 1941, were $\$ 843.930$, as compared with $\$ 1,292,324$ for March, 1940, and may be compared with $\$ 883,575$ for February, 1941. A decrease in defarulted liabilities is shown in both comparisons.

## COMAERCIML FAILURDS BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces; - In the month under review there were 4 assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 2 in February, 1941, and I in March, 1940. The defeulted liabilities totalled about $\$ 15,000$.

Quebec. - Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec, during March, 1941. mumbered 55, as against 56 in February, 1941, and 55 in Warch, 1940. The liabilitios were approximately $\$ 529,000$.

Ontario. - In Onterio, the fallures numbered 23 as compared with 35 in February, 1941, and 32 in Karch, 1940. The liabilities were about $\$ 186,000$.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, failures increased from 7 in February, 1941 , to 9 in March, 1941, and may be compared with 10 in March, 1940. The liabilities totalled $\$ 100,000$.

British Columbia. - In British Columbia, 1 comercial fallure was reported, as compared with no commercial failures for February, 1941, and 2 in March, 1940.

## FAILURES BY BRANCEES OF BUSINESS

Trade. - Trading establishnents furnished the largest number of fallures, 46 assigning in March, 1941, as compared with 56 in February, 1941, and 61 in March, 1940. Of these 46 conceins, 8 were general stores, 10 food stores, 8 clothing stores and 2 books and stationery.

Manufactuses. .. Manufacturing establishments failing in March, 1941, numbered 8 as against 16 in February, 1941, and 13 in March, 1940. The 8 included 2 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, and 2 in lumber and its manufactured products.

Services. - In comercial services, failures increased from 13 in February, 1941, to 15 in March, 1941, and may be compared with 13 in March, 1940.

Miscellaneous. - There were 6 failures in construction, 4 in agriculture and $I$ in logging.

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|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { P.E.I. } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { N.S. } \end{aligned}$ | NOB. | 220. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. |  |  | Total March, 1941 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For } \\ & 1940 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2TSD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gonercij Stcres | 1 | - | 3 | 3 |  | 1 | -- | - | 8 | 7 |
| frocery | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | 5 | 13 |
| Confectionery | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| Urink and Towacco | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| Tisch and Meat | -- | - | 2 | - | ... | - | - | - | 2 | 7 |
| Boote and Shous | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Dry Goocis | .. | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Cuthatug | .. | 1 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 8 | 13 |
| tharalture | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Bocks aild Stationery | - | $\cdots$ | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Anvorublio | - | $\sim$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Zardrara | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 |
| Electric apuaratus | ... | $\cdots$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | $\pm$ |
| sopolicy | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | I. | - |
| Coai and Wood | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | I | 2 |
| Drvegs and Chexicals | .- | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 3 |
| Miscrilageous | .. | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |  | 3 | 3 |
| Toial Trade | 2 | 1 | 28 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 61 |
| WhNUTACTURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetible Joods | - | $\cdots$ | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 5 |
| Drant and Tciacco | - | - | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Anima? Foods | .- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Tur and Leather | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Prip and Paper | - | $\cdots$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Toxtiles | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Clotring | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Lumber and Mamiacture | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| Iron and stivel | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Now-Ferrcue Hetais | . | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nonmetalitc Mnerals | - | ~ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | $\cdots$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Miscailzneous | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Totai Mamfectures | - | $\cdots$ | 6 | 2 | - | - | - | - | g | 13 |
| SEEVICS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gerage <br> Other cuatoms and | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Repairs | - | - | 1 | - | - |  | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Personel Service | - | - | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 7 | 2 |
| Rastaurants | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 6 |
| Frofessional Service | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Recreationeil Selvice | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Eustuess Servico | - | $\cdots$ | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Total Service | - | $\cdots$ | 9 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 15 | 13 |
| OTHEP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricur ture | - | $\cdots$ | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 7 |
| Minirg | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | 1 |
| Logging, Fishing and Trapping | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Construction | - | $\infty$ | 4 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 6 | 2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Utilities | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Finance | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Total Other | - | - | 10 | 6 | - | - | 1 | - | 17 | 12 |
| Not Classified | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 6 | 1 |
| Girand moral | 3 | 1 | 55 | 23 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 92 | 100 |

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Table 2. COMMRCIAL TAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR MARCE, 194, WITH THE TOTALS FOR FBBRUARY, 1941 AND MARCH, 1940.
(Prepared from the preliminary statements of affairs received from trustees)

|  |  | Number of Bankruptcies | Estimated Grand Total Assets | Estimated Grand Totel Liabilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | March | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island |  | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia |  | 3 | 5,819 | 8,224 |
| New Brunswick |  | 1 | 2,240 | 7,129 |
| Quebec |  | 55 | 405,219 | 529,172 |
| Ontario |  | 23 | 138,225 | 186,005 |
| Manitoba |  | 3 | 8,603 | 20,215 |
| Saskatchewan |  | 3 | 2,851 | 4,098 |
| Alberta. |  | 3 | 386,467 | 75,622 |
| British Columbia |  | 1 | 4,126 | 13,465 |
| Total for March, | 1941 | 92 | 953.550 | 843,930 |
| Total for February, | 1941 | 107 | 681,348 | 883.575 |
| Total for March, | 1940 | 100 | 826,478 | 1,292,324 |

Table 3. COMMRRCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES; 1941.


Table 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONIES AND BRANCHES OF BUS INESS, 1941.

|  | Trado | Manu- <br> fact- <br> ures | Agri-culture | Logging, Fishing, Trap. | $\begin{aligned} & \mathrm{Min}- \\ & \operatorname{ing} \end{aligned}$ | Construcm tion | Trans-portation | Finance | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Serv- } \\ & \text { ice } \end{aligned}$ | Not Class1fied | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January ..... | 48 | 13 | 3 | - | 2 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 8 | 102 |
| February .... | 56 | 16 | 1 | - | - | 8 | - | 1 | 13 | 5 | 100 |
| March . ...... | 46 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 6 | - | 2 | 15 | 6 | 92 |
| Three Months 1 Total, 1941.. | 150 | 37 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 46 | 19 | 294 |
| Three Months ${ }^{1}$ Totel, 1940 | 176 | 46 | 24 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 2 | 51 | 11 | 331 |


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