

## General Statistics Branch

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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA FOR MARCH, 1942.

The total number of commercial failures in Canada, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showed a decrease of 67 in March as compared with 92 for the corresponding month of 1941. The standing in March may also be compared with 100 for the same month of 1940. The defaulted liabilities were $\$ 625,306$ against $\$ 843,930$ for the same month last year, and $\$ 569,074$ for February, 1942.

## COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces, - In the month under review, the re was one assignment in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 3 in February, 1942, and 4 in March, 1941.

Quebec. - Commercial fallures in the Province of Quebec, during March, 1942, numbered 39 as against 48 in February, 1942, and 55 in March, last year, a decline of about $29 \mathrm{p}_{\mathrm{A}} \mathrm{c}$. being noted in the latter comparison. The liabilities were approximately \$329,000.

Ontario. - In Ontario, the failures numbered 19 compared with 20 in February, 1942, and 23 for the same month last year, a decline of about $17 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{c}}$ in the latter comparison. The liabilities were about $\$ 233,000$.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, fallures increased from 5 in February, 1942 to 6 in March, 1942, and may be compared with 9 in March, 1941. The liabilities totalled $\$ 30,000$.

British Columbia. - In British Columbia, 2 comercial failures were reported, while none occurred in February and one was recorded in March, 1941. The liabilities were about $\$ 15,000$.

## FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

Trade. - Trading establishments furnished the largest number of fallures, 31 assigning in March, last; as compared with 38 in February, 1942, and 46 in March, 1941. Decreases are noted in both comparisons. Of these 31 concorns, 4 were general stores, 4 groceries, 5 fish and meat, 2 books and stationery and 2 coal and wood.

Manufacturing, - In manufacturing establishments, fallures to the number of 11 were reported in March, 1942, as compared with 10 in February, 1942, and 8 in the same month last year. The 11 included 2 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 3 in fur and leathergoods, and 2 in clothing.

Services. - In commercial services, failures decined from 16 in Pebruary, 194 1942, to 12 in Merch, 1942, and may be compared with 15 in Nazeh. 9941.

Miscellaneous. - There were 4 failure in construction, one in transportation and one in mining.

MARCH, 1942.

|  | P.E.I. and N.S. |  |  |  |  | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Ma } \\ 1942 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { for } \\ & \text { rch } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
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| TRADF |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Stores | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 4 | 8 |
| Grocery | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Confectionery | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Drink and Tebacce | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Yish and Meat | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 2 |
| Boots and Shoes | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Dry Goods | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Clothing | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 8 |
| Furniture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Books and Stationery | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Automobile | - | - | $-$ | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hardware | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Electric Apparatus | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Jewelry | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\square$ | 1 |
| Coal and Wood | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Total Trade | - | - | 19 | 10 | 1 | 1 | $\cdots$ | - | 3.2 | 46 |
| MINUFACTURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable Foods | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Animal Foods | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| fur and Leather | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | $\square$ |
| Pulp and Paper | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Textiles | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clothing | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Lumber and Manufacture | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Iron and Steel | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| Non-fercous Metals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-matallic Minerals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | - | - | 1 | , | - | - | - | 1 | $\because$ |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Total Manufactures | - | - | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 11 | 8 |
| SFRVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garage | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - |
| Other Customs and Repairs | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | 2 |
| Personal Service | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 7 |
| Restaurants | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Professional Service | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 2 |
| Recreational Service | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Business Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | $\cdots$ | 1 |
| Total Service | 1 | - | 7 | 2 | - | 2 | - | - | 12 | 15 |
| OMHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |  |  |
| Mining | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| Lrggiag: Fishing and Trapping | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Construction | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 6 |
| Transportation and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Utilities | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | * | 1 | - |
| Finerice | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Total Other | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 17 |
| Not Classified | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 1 | - | 39 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 67 | 92 |

Table 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSEIS AND IIABILITIES FOR MARCH, 1942 , WITH THE TOTALS FOR FKBRUARY, 1942 AND MARCH, 2941.

| (Prepared from the preliminary statements of affairs received from trustees) |
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Table 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1942.

|  | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | TOTAL |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | - | 3 | - | 52 | 21 | - | 4 | 2 | 2 | 84 |
| February ...... | - | - | 3 | 48 | 20 | 3 | 2 | - | - | 76 |
| March ......... | - | 1 | - | 39 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 67 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Three Months' Total, } \\ & 1942 \quad \text {........ } \end{aligned}$ | - | 4 | 3 | 139 | 60 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 227 |
| Three Months: Total, 1941 ....... | - | 7 | 3 | 168 | 92 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 294 |

TABLE 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1942.

|  | Trade | Manu-factures | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Agrl- } \\ & \text { cul- } \\ & \text { ture } \end{aligned}$ | Logging, Fishing, Trapping | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Min } \\ & \text { ing } \end{aligned}$ | Con-struction | Transporta tion | Finance | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Serr- } \\ & \text { ice } \end{aligned}$ | Not <br> Class- <br> ifled | Total |
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| January | 43 | 14 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 19 | 3 | 84 |
| February | 38 | 10 | 2 | $\cdots$ | - | 3 | 2 | $\cdots$ | 16 | 5 | 76 |
| March ....... | 31 | 11 | 1 | - | 2 | 4 | 1 | $\cdots$ | 12 | 6 | 67 |
| Three Months <br> Total, 1942.. | 112 | 35 | 4 | - | 2 | 10 | 3 | - | 47 | 14 | 227 |
| Three Months Total, 1941.. | 150 | 37 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 46 | 19 | 294 |

