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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, there was one assignment in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 3 in February, 1942, and 4 in March, 1941.

Quebec. - Commercial failures 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 p.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 p.c. in the latter comparison. The liabilities were about \$233,000.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, failures 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 commercial 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 failures, 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 concerns, 4 were general stores, 4 groceries, 5 fish and meat, 2 books and stationery and 2 coal and wood.

Manufacturing. - In manufacturing establishments, failures 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 declined from 16 in February, 194 1942, to 12 in March, 1942, and may be compared with 15 in March, 1941.

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

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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS MARCH, 1942.

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| Grocery | game. | - true | 3 | 1 | p=0 | - | - | - | 4 | |
| Confectionery | | - | 1 | - | | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Drink and Tobacce | - | | 1 | | _ | p=0 | - | profession (| 1 | - (|
| Fish and Meat | | and | 3 | 2 | Presis. | - | - | | 5 | 7 |
| Boots and Shoes | - | **** | - | 1 | 879 | | \$ m \$ | p-m | 1 | |
| Dry Goods | - | - | 1 | *** | profit | - | *** | _ | 1 | |
| Clothing | - | 0-0 | 2 | 1 | _ | 6-0 | | 2-40 | 3 | |
| Furniture | - | - | - | P-00 | - | - | | - | ~ | |
| Books and Stationery | *** | • | 1 | 1 | - | trus | | 800 | 2 | |
| Automobile | | - | *** | *** | - | - | - | - | Pan . | |
| Hardware | und | - | 1 | 6-0 | den | - | - | - | 1 | |
| Electric Apparatus | - | | | | - | - | V-000 | 6-4 | pun pun | |
| Jewelry | - | - | - | _ | - | grant. | - | - | | |
| Coal and Wood | - | *** | 1 | 1 | | - | - | - | 2 | |
| Drugs and Chemicals | 1-0 | - | ** | 2 | - | | - | - | 2 | |
| Miscellaneous | | \$100 miles | 3 | 0-9 | 1 | | 10-4 | | 4 | |
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| Drink and Tobacco | _ | | - | - | 1000 | | - | | | |
| Animal Foods | | _ | - | - | _ | _ | | 1 | 7 | |
| Fur and Leather | • | _ | 2 | - | _ | _ | grade | - | 3 | |
| Pulp and Paper | - | - | - | | Male | *** | - | - | | |
| Textiles | - | - | - | - | 01-0 | - | - | pass. | · · | |
| Clothing | - | - | _ | _ | - | - | _ | _ | - | |
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| Iron and Steel | _ | - | 1 | pann. | | pen | - | - | T | |
| Non-ferrous Metals | | _ | _ | - | - | ~ | | - | - | |
| Non-metallic Minerals | | - | - | 1 | | _ | _ | - | 1 | |
| Drugs and Chemicals | _ | - | - | 1 | 1 | | - | _ | 2 | |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | | | | 00 | ++ | - | | |
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| | | | | gred . | - | 1 | _ | - | 1 | |
| Garage Other Customs and Repairs | - | _ | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | 3 | |
| Personal Service | | | 2 | 1 | , | a | | _ | 3 | |
| Restaurants | | | 1 | _ | 400 | - | | 949 | 1 | |
| | ī | | 2 | _ | *** | _ | | | 3 | |
| Professional Service | 1 | and | 1 | - Ann | 0-0 | | | | 1 | |
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| | 1 | | 39 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 67 | 9 |

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Table 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR MARCH, 1942, WITH THE TOTALS FOR FEBRUARY, 1942 AND MARCH, 1941.

| (Prepared from the preliminary | statements of | affairs received fr | rom trustees) |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Number of Bankruptcies | Estimated Grand Total Assets | Estimated Grand Total Liabilities |
| | March | \$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island | •• | ded . | 800 |
| Nova Scotia | 1 | 700 | 18,305 |
| New Brunswick | ** | the state of the s | end |
| Quebec | 39 | 202,391 | 328,946 |
| Ontario | 19 | 218,106 | 233,129 |
| Manitoba | 2 | 9,024 | 12,541 |
| Saskatchewan | 3 | 10,228 | 17,008 |
| Alberta | 1 | end | - |
| British Columbia | 2 | 9,312 | 15,377 |
| Total for March, 1942 | 67 | 449,761 | 625,306 |
| Total for February, 1942 | 76 | 396,559 | 569,074 |

Table 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1942.

Total for March, 1941 .. 92

953,550

843,930

| | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | LATOT |
|------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| January | 9-1 | 3 | - | 52 | 21 | | 4 | 2 | 2 | 84 |
| February | 04 | 846 | 3 | 48 | 20 | 3 | 2 | - | *** | 76 |
| March | 046 | 1 | - | 39 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 67 |
| Three Months' Total, 1942 | 64 | 4 | 3 | 139 | 60 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 4 | 227 |
| Three Months! Total, 1941 | Proj | 7 | 3 | 168 | 92 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 294 |

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

| | Trade | Manu- fact- ures | Agri- cul- ture | Logging, Fishing, Trapping | Min- ing | Con- struc- tion | Trans- porta- tion | Fin- ance | Serv- | Not Class- ified | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| January | 43 | 14 | 1 | gen | 1 | 3 | end | - | 19 | 3 | 84 |
| February | 38 | 10 | 2 | •• | - | 3 | 2 | ** | 16 | 5 | 76 |
| March | 31 | 11 | 1. | 90 | 1 | 4 | 1. | 84 | 12 | 6 | 67 |
| Three Months! Total, 1942 | 112 | 3 5 | 4 | P4 | 2 | 10 | 3 | •• | 47 | 14 | 227 |
| Three Months ¹ Total, 1941 | 150 | 37 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 2 | 4 | 46 | 19 | 294 |



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