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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1944

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Further decline was shown in commercial failures in the third quarter from the level of the second. The standing at 51 compared with 61 recorded a greater decline than normal measured by the experience of the last 23 years.

The change from the third quarter of 1943 was insignificant, the assignments in that period numbering 49. The record in the last two years is more favourable than at any other time since the statistics were first collected in 1922. Assignments in the first nine months recorded a betterment over any other year in the period of observation. The number was reduced to 181 compared with 232 in the same period of the preceding year. The minimum previous to last year was recorded in 1942 when the total for the nine months was 572.

The defaulted liabilities were less in the first nine months than in any similar period subsequent to 1922 when the survey was initiated. The total was \$3,307,593 this year compared with \$3,693,807 in the first nine months of 1943. Liabilities of the third quarter showed an increase of about \$100,000 over the second quarter of 1944 and also over the third quarter of 1943. The total was \$686,934 against \$584,795 in the second quarter and \$584,352 in the third quarter of last year.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces. - In the period under review, there were no failures in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with one failure in the third quarter of 1943 and three in the same period of 1942.

Quebec. - Commercial failures in the province of Quebec, during the third quarter of 1944 numbered 38 against 34 for the same quarter of 1943, and 98 in 1942. The liabilities were about \$367,000.

Ontario. - In Ontario, the failures numbered 9 compared with 9 and 47 for similar periods in 1943 and 1942. The liabilities were about \$208,000, against \$107,000 in the second quarter.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, failures totalled two for the third quarter compared with three in 1943 and 12 in 1942. The liabilities were about \$64,000.

British Columbia. - In British Columbia, there were two failures reported, compared with three for the third quarter of 1943 and three for the similar period of 1942. Liabilities aggregated about \$13,000 compared with \$51,000 in the second quarter.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

Trade. - Trading establishments to the number of 9 assigned in the third quarter of 1944, as compared with 10 and 70 in the two preceding years, respectively.

Manufactures. - Manufacturing establishments to the number of 11 assigned in the period under review, as compared with 10 from the same period of 1943 and 12 in 1942.

Services. - In commercial services, failures numbered 15 compared with 11 for the same period of 1943 and 49 for 1942.

Miscellaneous. - There were 7 failures in construction and one in logging.

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- 2 Table 1. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES,

1922 - 1944

		Num	ber of Fail	ures	Defa	alted Liabilit	ties
Year		First Half	Third Quarter	Nine Months	First Half	Third Quarter	Nine Months
					\$	\$	\$
1922		1,896	904	2,800	-	dink	_
1923		1,996	711	2,707	35,280,185	11,293,168	46,573,353
1924		1,280	437	1,717	29,089,870	8,343,722	37, 433, 592
1925	• • • • • •	1,097	416	1,513	17,314,681	6,575,215	23,889,896
1926		864	393	1,257	14,822,794	7,192,785	22,015,579
1927		891	403	1,294	13,743,501	7,122,469	20,865,970
1928		960	454	1,414	14,085,085	6,671,417	20,756,502
1929		1,153	436	1,589	20, 561, 131	6,057,517	26,618,648
1930		1,205	520	1,725	27, 123, 342	9, 525, 072	36,648,414
1931	• • • • • •	1,109	472	1,581	22,712,656	10,027,710	32,740,366
1932		1,240	466	1,793	21,223,450	8,789,481	30,012,931
1933	• • • • • •	1,139	447	1,585	19,355,795	6,991,532	26,347,327
1934		821	338	1,159	13,017,644	4,796,817	17,814,461
1935		678	302	980	8,518,268	4,457,215	12,975,483
1936		629	279	908	8,511,715	3,455,445	11,967,160
1937		538	289	827	6,726,681	3,383,192	10,109,873
1938	*****	607	280	887	6,816,873	3, 297, 869	10,114,742
1939	• • • • •	717	343	1,060	7,781,778	3,789,520	11,571,298
1940	• • • • • •	651	256	907	6,559,057	2,085,460	8,644,517
1941		555	217	772	5,196,489	1,932,612	7,129,101
1942		399	173	572	3, 242, 557	948,951	4,191,508
1943		183	49	232	3,109,455	584,352	3,693,807
1944		137	51	188	2,620,659	686,934	3,307,593

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Table 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER, 1944

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for Third Quarter
RADE									
General Stores			1	_			_	-	1
Grocery			_						-
Confectionery			1						1
Drink and Tobacco								-	_
		-		-	_	10.5		-	71 17
Fish and Meat	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	_
Boots and Shoes		-	-	-		-	•	-	-
Dry Goods	-	-	-	***	-	-	-	-	_
Clothing	-		-	-	-	-		1	1
Furniture	-	-	100		1980	-		460	_
Books and Stationery	-	**	-	-	-	-		-	-
Automobile	44.00	~	-	-	~	~	-	-	-
Hardware	-	-	1	-	*	-		-	1
Electric Apparatus	-	-	***	**	-			-	
Jewelry	_	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	ī
Coal and Wood	-		1	-	446	-		-	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-	140	_	-	-	-	-	_	4000
Miscellaneous	-	-	2	1	-	-	879	-	3
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otal Trade	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	9
ANUFACTURE									
Vegetable Foods			1		-		Die	_	1
Drink and Tobacco			_						-
	-	-	*	9	_				2
Animal Foods	-	94	-	3		**	-		۵
Fur and Leather	***		-		**	_	-	-	900
Pulp and Paper	4944	44%	-	-	-	-	-	***	-
Textiles	-	-		1	-	994	196	-	1
Chothing	-	-	1	-	- gan	-		-	1
Lumber and Manufacture	4984	-	1	-	-	-	**	1000	1
Iron and Steel			1	-	-	140	-	1	2
Non-ferrous Metals	-		90	-	*	-	_	_	-
Non-metallic Minerals	-	-	1		-	_	***	-	1
Drugs and Chemicals	-		-	-		-	-		-
Miscellaneous		-	2	-		_	-	-	2
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otal Manufactures				0	-			-	11
ERVICE									
Garage	1000	-	_	-	-	-		-	-
Other Custom and Repair		-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Personal Service	-	-	6	1	-		-	-	7
Restaurants		-	2	tere	_	ger .	-	-	2
Professional Service	-	4044	3	1	-	-	-	-	4
Recreational Service	_	946		-	-	_	to the	-	
Business Service	***	-	1	**	-	-		-	1
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Agriculture	and.	-	1	-	-		-		1
Mining	-	-	1	~	-		2	**	3
Logging, Fishing and									
Trapping	-	944	***	1		-	-	-	1
Construction	-	-	7	-	-	-	Aus	-	7
Transportation and									
Public Utilities			1	-	-	-	-	00	1
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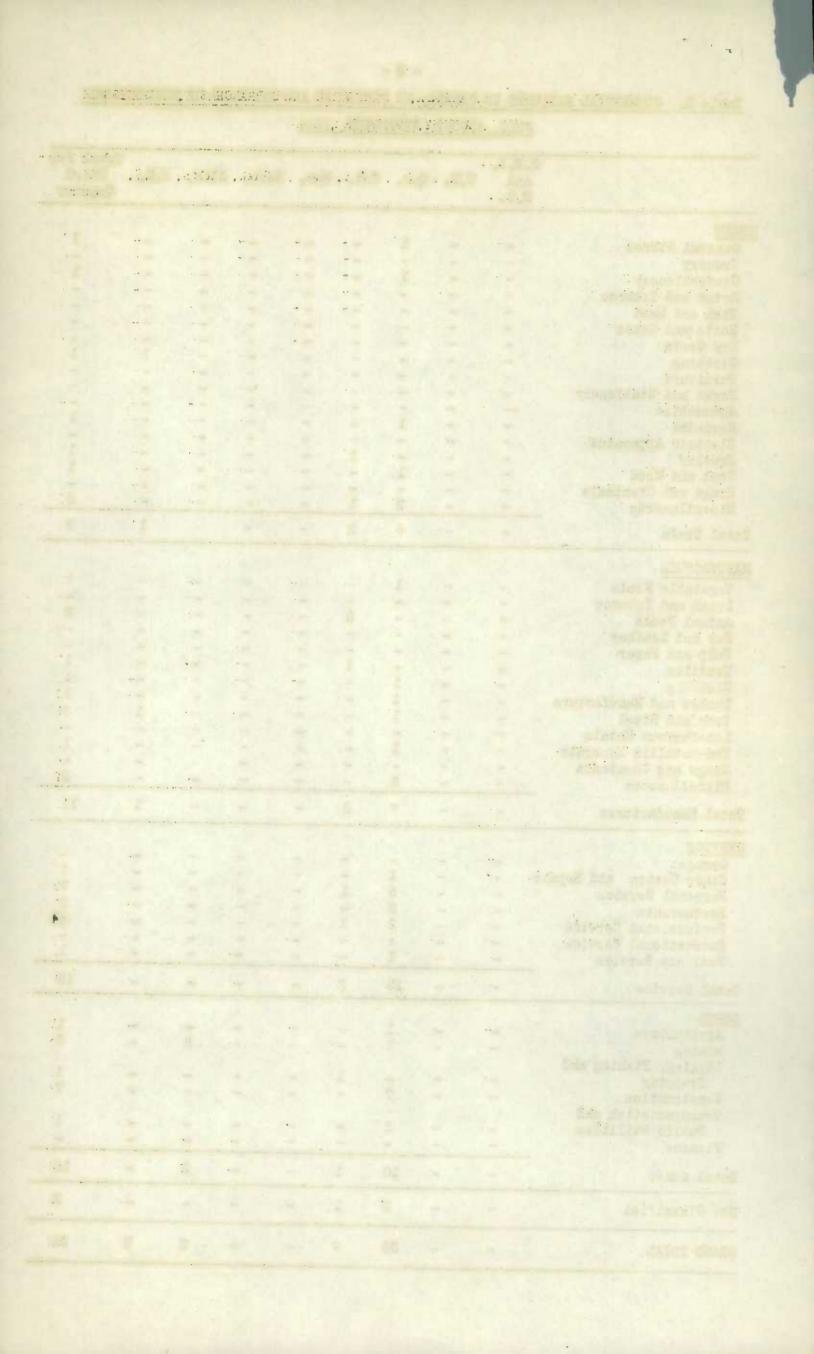


Table 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS
AND LIABILITIES, THIRD THREE MONTHS OF 1944, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1943 AND 1942

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	timp	-	
Nova Scotia	-		-
New Brunswick	-		- /
Quebec	38	186,483	367,122
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	Bankruptcies	Assets	Liabilities
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	thing.	-	
Nova Scotia	-		
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	38	186,483	367,122
Ontario	9	95,364	208,168
Manitoba			-
Saskatchewan	-		-
Alberta	2	51,323	63,587
British Columbia	2	24,175	48,057
Cumulative Total for			
July, August, September, 1944	51	357,345	686,934
1943	49	381,285	584,352
1942	173	767,100	948,951

Table 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1944

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January		option .	-	20	5	469	man,	bile.	1	26
February	- 10	0.00	-	18	5	-	3	-	1	27
March	-	-	-	15	5	-	_	-	3	23
April		-		20	3	-	-	-	-	23
May		esh.		12	4	-	g-4	-	2	18
June	_	Shortly.	_	18	2	5-0	tens	-	-	20
July		***	tudes.	12	4		des	-	_	16
August	**	-	-	14	**	_	-	1	-	15
September	-	240	200	12	5	p-mp	-	1	2	20
Total for first										
nine months1944	**	-		141	33	-	3	2	9	188
1943	-	3	***	154	56	2	7	1	9	232
1942	2	7	5	343	150	16	20	8	11	562

Table 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1944

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	_	Logging, Fishing, Trapping		Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion			Not Class- ified	Total
January	6	3	**		down	1	1	Stanta,	10	5	26
February	10	3	1	_	**	2	2	240	7	2	27
March	5	1	-	-	-	3	-	1	9	4	23
April	5	4	1	-	-	2	-	-	9	2	23
May	3	1	-	1	tue .	3	-	•••	6	4	18
June	2	4	-	~		2	-	1	9	2	20
July	3	6	-		_	3	_	-	4	-	16
August	4	1	1	-	5	2	1	and	4	9-0	15
September	2	4	•	1	1	2	-		7	3	20
Total for first											
nine months 1944	40	27	3	2	3	20	4	2	65	22	188
1943	81	21	9	1	4	27	8	7	52	22	232
1942	265	66	12	-	8	43	9	1	132	26	562



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