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## COMRRS IAL FAILURES IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1944

Thrther 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 quaxter of 1943 was insignificant, the assignments in that period numbering 49. The recurd 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 bettement over any other year in the period of observation. The number was reduced to 181 compared with 232 in the same period of the praceding year. The minimum previous to last vear was recurded 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 indtiated. The total was $\$ 3,307,593$ this year compared with $\$ 3,693,807$ in the firsi nine munths 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.

## COMMFROIAL FAILURTSS 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 agains' 34 for the same quarter of 1943, and 98 in 1942. The liabilities were about $\$ 357,000$.

Ontario. - In Ontario: the failures numbered 9 compared with 9 and 47 for sinilar 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 \$Ex,000.

British Columbia, - In British Columbia, there were two failures revorted, compared with three for the third quarter of 1943 and three for the similar period of 1942. Liabilities aggregated about $\$ 3,000$ compared with $\$ 51,000$ in the second quarter.

## IAILURAS 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 vears, respectively.

Manufactures. - Manufacturing establishments to the number of 11 assigned in the period under review, as compared with 10 frcm 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 $?$ failures in construction and one in logging.


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Table 1. - NUMBER OF COMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAUITMD IIABIIITIES, 1922 - 1944

| Year |  | Number of Failures |  |  | Defaulted Liabilities |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { First } \\ & \text { Half } \end{aligned}$ | Third Quarter | Nine Months | First Half | Third Quarter | Nine Vionths |
|  |  |  |  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| 1922 |  | 1,896 | 904 | 2,800 | - | - | - |
| 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 |

Table 2. COMNERCIAL FAILIRRS IN CANADA, BY PROV ANCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR JULY, AUGUST, SRPFTEMBER, 1944

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { P. B.I. } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { N.S. } \end{aligned}$ | N. B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total for } \\ & \text { Third } \\ & \text { Quarter } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TRADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Stores | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Grocery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Confectionery | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Fish and Meat | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Boots and Shoes | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Dry Goods | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clothing | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Furniture | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Books and Stationery | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Automobile | -- | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hardware | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Electric Apparatus | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Jewelry | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Coal and Wood | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Drugs and Chemioals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Total Trade | - | - | 6 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 9 |

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| Vegetable Foods | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Animal Foods | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Fur and Leather | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pulp and Paper | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Textiles | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| C.otisug | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Lumber and Manufacture | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Iron and Steel | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| lun-ferrous Metals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-metallic Minerals | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | $\cdots$ | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Total Manufactures | - | - | 7 | 3 | - | - | $\sim$ | 1 | 11 |


| SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Garage | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other Custom and Repair | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Personal Service | - | - | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Restaurants | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Professional Service | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Recreational Service | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Business Service | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Total Service | - | - | 13 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Mining | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 3 |
| Logging, Fishing and Trapping | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Construction | $\rightarrow$ | - | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Finance | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Other | - | - | 10 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | 13 |
| Not Classified | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| GRAND TOTAL | - | - | 38 | 9 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 51 |

Table 3. COMMERCIAL FAIIURES IN CAIMDA, BY PROVINOES, 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 | - | \$ | \$ |
| 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 | 48,05? |
| 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. 0. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | - | - | - | 20 | 5 | - | - | - | 1 | 26 |
| February | - | - | - | 18 | 5 | - | 3 | - | 1 | 27 |
| March . ............ | - | - | - | 15 | 5 | - | - | - | 3 | 23 |
| April | - | - | - | 20 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 23 |
| May | - | - | - | 12 | 4 | - | - | - | 2 | 18 |
| June | - | - | - | 18 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| July .............. | - | - | - | 12 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 16 |
| August | - | - | - | 14 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 15 |
| September | - | - | - | 12 | 5 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 20 |
| Total for first |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| nine months ... 1944 | - | - | - | 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. COMMBCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AJD BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1944

|  | Trade | Manu <br> Tact <br> ures | Agri- <br> cul- <br> ture | Loggin <br> Fishin <br> Trappi | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Min- } \\ & \text { ing } \end{aligned}$ | Con-struction | Trans-portation | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fin- } \\ & \text { ance } \end{aligned}$ | Ser- <br> vice | Not <br> Class- <br> ified | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 6 | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 10 | 5 | 26 |
| February | 10 | 3 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | 7 | 2 | 27 |
| Miarch | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | - | 1 | 9 | 4 | 23 |
| April | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 9 | 2 | 23 |
| May | 3 | 1 | - | 1 | $\sim$ | 3 | - | - | 6 | 4 | 18 |
| June | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 1 | 9 | 2 | 20 |
| July | 3 | 6 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 4 | - | 16 |
| August | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | - | 15 |
| September ....... | 2 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 7 | 3 | 20 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total for first } \\ & \text { nine months .. } 1944 \end{aligned}$ | 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 |

