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## COMMERCIAL FAILURES

in
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in
THE CALENDAR YEARS
1942-1943

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\text { COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE CALENDAR YEARS } 1941=1912 \text { anc } 1943 .
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Commercial failures reaohed a lower point in 1943 then in any other year since records were first kept at the beginning of the century，Progressive declines were shown yoar by yoar from 1939 to 1943．The total as roportod under the Bankruptcy and winding－ up Acts was 314 compared with 737 in the precoding yea．．

The standing in 1939 was 1,392 failuros and subsequent docines we：e to 1,173 in 1940 and to 1,008 in 1941．The decline in the last four years refjected the pros－ pority occasioned by war production．

The number，of failures in 1943 was less thar unceftion of tho average of about 1,740 shown for the period since the ond of the last war．Tho records from 1934 to the present show a botterment over tho averago for the twenty $=$ five years．The trend in failures since the tormination of hostilities in 1918 has boer decjcodly downward． A high level was maintained from 1921 to 1933，despite tho prosperity cycle in evidence during the greater part of tho period．Some reduction in failuros was shown from 1925 to 1927，but fatalities continued hoavy from 1928 to 1933.

Statistics of oommercial failures have long been regarded as of value in appraising the trend of oconomio conditions．

The total number of commercial failures in Canada for 1943，as reportod to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics，were considerably lower at 314 for 1943 as compared with 737 for 1942 and 1，008 for 1941．The dofaulted liabilitios for 1943 ware ${ }^{*} 4,486,247$ ， as compared with $\$ 6,019,308$ for 1942．Thus，dofaulted liabilities showed a oonsiderable deorease whon compared with 1942 and a striking decrease when compared with 1941，

> FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS
> 1943 and 1942，COMPARED WITH PRECEDING YEんR．

Commeroial failures of trading establishments in 1943 numbered 105 as compared with 342 in 1942 and 482 in 1941．Decided decreasos aro notod in both comparisons．In manufactures，there wore 23 failures in 1943 as compared with 80 in 1942 and 132 in 1941. Nore dotailed information regarding the classes of businoss in which failures occurred in 1942 and 1943 is givon in Tablos 4 and 5.

COMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREiS FOR 1943 fiND 1942
COMPARED WITH 1941．
Maritime Provinoes－In the year 1943，there were three assigiments in the Maritime Provinoes，as compared with 19 in 1942 and 28 in 194io Tho lisbilities in 1943 were decidedly lower at $\$ 54,000$ as compared with $\$ 106,000$ in 1.942 nad $\$ 263,000$ in 1941．

Quebeo－Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec during 1943 numbered 217 as compared with 456 in 1942 and 587 in 1941．The liabilities in 1943 aggragated \＄1，793，468 and may be compared with $3,878,701$ in 1942 and $4,5,099,851$ in 1941。

Ontario－In Ontario the failures numbered 72 against 192 in 1942 and 279 in 1941．The liabilities in 1943 were about $31,853,203$ ，as compared with $\$ 1,543,074$ in 1942 and $32,874,000$ in 1941.

Prairio Provinces－In the three Prairie Provinces the failures in 1943
totallod $1 \overline{2}$ compared with 56 in 1942 and 93 in 1941。 Tho liabiliEies in 2943 were $\$ 2.3$ ， 000 aguinat 3398,000 in 1942 and 625,000 in lis 41.

British Columbia－In British Columbia，commorcial fajiures in 1913 numbored 10 as against 14 in 1943 and 21 in 1941，unusual declines being showa in both comparisons． The liabilities of the assignors were about 8563,000 compared with 88,000 in 1942 and ，273，000 in 1941.

1. COMEBCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, SHOWING ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL aSSETS AND GRaND TOTAL LIABILITIES, CALENDAR YEiRS 1931-1943, WITH TOT\&LS BY PROVINCES, 1942 AND 1943, AND BY MONTHS, 1942.
(Propared from the proliminary statoment of affairs received from trustoes.)

| Year | No. of Innkruptcies | Estimated Grand Total Assets | Estimated Grand Total Liabilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \% | \% |
| 1931 | 2,216 | 46,839,179 | 52,552,900 |
| 1932 | 2,420 | 40,604,208 | 51,629,303 |
| 1933 | 2,044 | 27,033,240 | 32,953,858 |
| 1934 | 1,532 | 19,257,468 | 23,598,260 |
| 1935 | 1,314 | 12,174,481 | 17,567,002 |
| 1930 | 1,198 | 10,703,620 | 15,144,945 |
| 1937 | 1,126 | 10.704,079 | 14,303,362 |
| 1938 | 1,219 | 8,782,191 | 14,017,061 |
| 1939 | 1,392 | 11,186,360 | 15,089,461 |
| 1940 | 1.178 | 7,676,295 | 10,663,326 |
| 1941 | 1,008 | 7,325,738 | 9,133,657 |
| 1942 | 737 | 4,500,195 | 6,019,308 |
| 1943 | 314 | 2,720,158 | $4,486,247$ |

1942

| Prince Edward Island | 2 | 25,832 | 32,048 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nova Scotia | 9 | 14,804 | 45,107 |
| New Brunswick | 8 | 17,018 | 29,324 |
| Que bec | 456 | 2,922,237 | 3,878,701 |
| Ontario | 192 | 1,202,373 | 1.548, 074 |
| Manitoba | 19 | 114, 699 | 155,334 |
| Saskatchewan | 26 | 83,095 | 114.705 |
| Alberta | 11 | 71,045 | 128,364 |
| British Columbia | 14 | 49,092 | 87,651 |
| Total 1912 | 737 | 4,500,195 | 6,019,308 |


| Prince Edward Island .......... | - | - | - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nova Scotia ................... | 3 | 23,401 | 54.319 |
| New Brunswick .................. | - | - | , |
| Queboc ......................... | 217 | 1,198,111 | 1,793,468 |
| Ontario.......................... | 72 | 1,027,861 | 1,853,203 |
| Manitoba ........................ | 2 | 69,008 | 103,364 |
| Saskatchowan | 8 | 66,312 | 98,107 |
| Alberta. | 2 | 10,454 | 21,060 |
| British Columbia | 10 | 325,011 | 562.726 |
| Total 1943 | 314 | 2,720,158 | 4,486,247 |

TOTALS BY MONTHS, 1942

| January | 84 | 598,882 | 841,484 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February | 76 | 396,559 | 569,074 |
| March | 67 | 449,761 | 625,306 |
| April .... | 65 | 261,459 | 481,020 |
| May | 53 | 245,327 | 349,356 |
| June | 54 | 315,895 | 376,317 |
| July | 58 | 239,007 | 292,873 |
| August | 66 | 258,969 | 342,997 |
| September | 49 | 269,124 | 313,081 |
| October | 59 | 688,221 | 1,018,129 |
| November | 67 | 386,749 | 406,286 |
| December | 49 | 390,242 | 403,385 |
| Total 1942 | 737 | $4,500,195$ | 6,019,308 |



Table 2. CO DIERCIAL FAII,URES BY PROVINCES AIVD MONTHS, 1942

|  | $P_{0} E_{0} I_{0}$ | N.S. | N. B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | - | 3 | - | 52 | 21 | - | 4 | 2 | 2 | 84 |
| Februiry ........... | - | - | 3 | 48 | 20 | 3 | 2 | - | - | 76 |
| Harch ............. | - | 1 | - | 39 | 19 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 67 |
| April .............. | 1 | 1 | - | 42 | 14 | $\cdots$ | 2 | 3 | 2 | 65 |
| inay ... | - | 1 | - | 35 | 14 | 3 | - | - | - | 53 |
| June ................ | - | 1 | - | 29 | 15 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 54 |
| July .. | - | - | 1 | 36 | 16 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 58 |
| hugust .. | - | - | 1 | 33 | 19 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 56 |
| Soptamber .......... | 1 | - | - | 29 | 12 | 3 | 4 | - | - | 49 |
| Nri:onber .... | - | 1 | 1 | 35 | 16 | - | 4 | 2 | - | 59 |
| Novomber | - | - | 1 | 46 | 15 | 2 | - | - | 3 | 67 |
| Decmber | - | 1 | 1 | 32 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 49 |
| Total, 1942 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 456 | 192 | 19 | 26 | 11 | 14 | 737 |



Table 3. COMERCIAL FAILURES, BY BRiNCHES OF BUSINESS AND MONTHS, 1942 AND 1943.

|  | Trado | Manu- <br> factures | Agri-oulture | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Logg- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \text { Fish- } \\ & \text { ing, } \\ & \text { Trap. } \end{aligned}$ | Mining | Con- <br> struc- <br> tion | Trans -portation | Finance | Ser- <br> vice | Not <br> Classi- <br> fied | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January | 43 | 14 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | 19 | 3 | 84 |
| Fobruary | 38 | 10 | 2 | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | 16 | 5 | 76 |
| Narch .. | 31 | 11 | 1 | - | 1 | 4 | 1 | - | 12 | 6 | 67 |
| April.. | 30 | 7 | 1 | - | 1 | 7 | - | 1 | 13 | 5 | 65 |
| May ... | 27 | 5 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | - | 11 | 3 | 53 |
| June ... | 26 | 7 | 2 | - | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 12 | 1 | 54 |
| July ... | 29 | 5 | 1 | - | - | 6 | - | - | 16 | 1 | 58 |
| August. | 20 | 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 8 | 1 | - | 21 | - | 56 |
| September | 21 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 6 | 2 | - | 12 | 2 | 49 |
| Ootober | 27 | 5 | 1 | - | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 59 |
| Novermber | 28 | 6 | 1 | - | 1 | 6 | 3 | - | 20 | 2 | 67 |
| December | 22 | 3 | - | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | 14 | 3 | 49 |
| Total, 1942 | 342 | 80 | 14 | - | 10 | 58 | 17 | 2 | 181 | 33 | 737 |

1943

| January 14 | 5 | 1 | - | 1 | 4 | - | 2 | 7 | 3 | 37 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| February 15 | 4 | 2 | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | 8 | 2 | 35 |
| March . 16 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 5 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 4 | 42 |
| April.. 14 | 3 | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | 8 | 2 | 32 |
| May .... 4 | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | 1 | 11 |
| June ... 8 | 2 | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 26 |
| July ... 6 | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 23 |
| August . 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | 1 | 12 |
| September 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 4 | - | 1 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| October 8 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 28 |
| November 7 | 1 | - | - | - | 5 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 27 |
| Docomber 9 | 1 | 2 | - | 2 | 5 | 1 | - | 7 | - | 27 |
| Total, 1943105 | 23 | 13 | 1 | 7 | 41 | 11 | 9 | 78 | 26 | 314 |


|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { P. E.I. } \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { N.S. } \end{aligned}$ | N. B. | Que. | Ont. | Nan. | Sask. | Alta. | B. C. |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { for } \\ & 1941 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TRIDE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Generul Stores | 2 | 2 | 26 | 11 | 2 | 3 | 1 | - | 47 | 67 |
| Grocery | 1 | 2 | 29 | 7 | 2 | 5 | - | 1 | 47 | 78 |
| Confectionery | - | - | 9 | 2 | - | 1 | - | - | 12 | 13 |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | 9 | - | - | - | 1 | - | 10 | 13 |
| Fish and Meat | - | - | 27 | 10 | - | - | - | - | 37 | 45 |
| Boots and Shoes | - | - | 7 | 6 | - | - | - | - | 13 | 12 |
| Dry Goods | - | - | 14 | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | 18 | 40 |
| Clothing | 2 | 1 | 22 | 8 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | 37 | 72 |
| Furniture | - | - | 5 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 10 | 7 |
| Books and Stationery | - | - | 7 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 2 | 11 | 14 |
| Automobile | - | - | 6 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 11 | 14 |
| Hardware | - | - | 5 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 15 |
| Electric Apparatus | - | - | 7 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 9 | 10 |
| Jowolry | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 8 |
| Coal and Wood | - | - | 9 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 13 | 15 |
| Drugs and chemicals | - | - | 8 | 5 | - | - | - | - | 13 | 15 |
| IIiscellaneous | 1 | 1 | 23 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 43 | 44 |
| Totn 1 | 6 | 6 | 216 | 81 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 5 | 342 | 482 |
| MiNUFACTURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegotable Foods | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 23 |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| Anima? Foods | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 7 |
| Fur and Leather | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 14 |
| Pulp and Faper | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 5 |
| Textiles | - | - | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 3 |
| Clothing | - | - | 5 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 7 | 30 |
| Lumber and Manufacture | 1 | - | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 5 | 19 |
| Iron and Stoel | - | - | 5 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 7 | 7 |
| Non-Ferrous Metals | - | - | 5 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 11 | 2 |
| Non-Metallic Minerals | - | - | 5 | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | 10 | 9 |
| Drugs and Chomicals | - | - | 8 | 5 | - | - | - | 1 | 14 | 1 |
| Miscollanoous | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 12 |
| Total | 1 | - | 50 | 23 | 3 | - | 1 | 2 | 80 | 132 |
| SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garage | - | - | 18 | 4 | - | 3 | - | - | 25 | 31 |
| Othor Custans \& Repairs | - | 1 | 14 | 7 |  | 1 | 1 | - | 24 | 29 |
| Porsonal Service | 1 | - | 42 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 75 | 65 |
| Restrurants | - | - | 21 | 6 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 29 | 35 |
| Professional Service | 2 | - | 13 | 6 | - | - | - | 2 | 23 | 16 |
| Recroational Servico | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 3 |
| Businoss Servico | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 9 |
| Total | 3 | 1 | 111 | 47 | 3 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 181 | 188 |
| QTHEP |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Iigricultura | - | - | 7 | 4 | - | 3 | - | - | . 14 | 34 |
| Mining | - | - | 2 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 10 | 14 |
| Logging, Fishing and Trapping | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Construction | - | - | 41 | 15 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 58 | 64 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | - | - | 13 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 17 | 13 |
| Finance | - | - | - | 2. | - | - | - | - | 2 | 8 |
| Total | - | - | 63 | 33 | - | 4 | - | 1 | 101 | 135 |
| Not Classificd | 1 | 1 | 26 | 8 | - | 3 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 71 |
| Grinid total | 11 | 8 | 456 | 192 | 16 | 29 | 11 | 14 | 737 | 1,008 |


|  | P.E.I. and N.S. |  | Que. |  |  | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total for } \\ & 1943 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TRiDE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Stores | - | - | 2 | 5 | - | - | - | 1 | 8 |
| Grocery | - | - | 6 | 4 | - | 1 | - | - | 11 |
| Confoctionery | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 5 |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| Fish and Moat | - | - | 12 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 13 |
| Boots and Shoos | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Dry Goods | - | - | 5 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Clothing | - | - | 12 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 16 |
| Furniture | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Books and Stationery | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Automobilo | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Hardware | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Eloctric Apparatus | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Jowelry | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Coal and Wood | - | - | 6 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Liscollaneous | - | - | 5 | 6 | - | - | - | 1 | 12 |
| Total Trade | 2 | - | 73 | 26 | - | 1 | - | 3 | 105 |
| WANUFACTURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vogotable Foods | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Drink and Tobacco | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Animal Foods | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Fur and loather | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Pulp and Papor | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Toxtilos | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Clothing | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Lumber and Manufacture | - | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Iron and Steol | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-ferrous Metals | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Non-metallic Minerals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Drues and Chemicals | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Total Manufactures | - | - | 25 | 5 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23 |
| SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garage | - | - | 5 | 2 | - | - | - | - |  |
| Othor Customs and Repairs | 1 | - | 4 | 5 | - | 1 | - | - | 11 |
| Personal Servioe | - | - | 16 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 27 |
| Restaurants | - | - | 14 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 17 |
| Professional Service | - | - | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | 8 |
| Rocreatiomal Service | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Businoss Service | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Total Servico | 1 | - | 51 | 21 | 1 | 3 | 1 | - | 78 |
| OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculturo | - | - | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 | - | - | 13 |
| lining Logging, Fishing and | - | - | 5 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 7 |
| Logging, Fishing and Trapping | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Construction | - | - | 27 | 13 | - | - | - | 1 | 41 |
| Transportation and |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Public Utilitios | - | - | 9 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 11 |
| Finance | - | - | 7 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | 9 |
| Total Other | - | - | 57 | 17 | 1 | 2 | - | 5 | 82 |
| Not Classifiod | - | - | 21 | 3 | - | - | - | 2 | 26 |
| GRaND TOTAL | 3 | - | 217 | 72 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 314 |

