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COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE CALENDAR YEAR 1945~~Historical File Copy~~

The number of commercial failures showed further decline in 1945 to a new low point for the period of observation from 1922 to the present. A downward trend has been in evidence since the statistics were first collected by the Bureau. The high point of 3,925 was established in 1922 when the price deflation following the first world war adversely affected the operations of companies engaged in trading and productive activities.

Following the temporary worsening of the situation from 1930 to 1931, a betterment culminated in 1937. The number of failures was 1,392 in 1939 and a consistent decline was shown during the war period.

The number in 1945 was 155 compared with 218 in the preceding year. The standing last year was only one-ninth of the number in the last peace-time year.

While the number of failures increased slightly in the last quarter of 1945 over the same period of the preceding year, the amount of defaulted liabilities receded to a still lower point. Failures were 37 in the last quarter against 30, the liabilities receding from \$753,572 to \$628,991.

Defaulted liabilities also reached a low point last year. A considerable decline was shown from 1944, and the total was less than in any other year since 1923 when the statistics were first collected. The amount was reduced to \$2,219,942 against \$3,101,435 in the preceding year. The total in 1939 was \$15,089,461, while the maximum in the last twenty-two years was reached in 1923 at \$61,617,527. (See Table 6 and Chart 1.)

Failures by Branches of Business:-

Failures of trading establishments receded from 46 to 41 in the year under review. In manufactures the number was 20, twelve less than in 1944. The decline in services of different classes was from 74 to 45, while a decrease from 44 to 40 was shown in other activities mainly construction and transportation. (See Table 1.)

Commercial Failures by Areas

Three failures occurred in Nova Scotia during 1945 while none were reported in the Maritime Provinces during the preceding year. The decline in Quebec was from 162 to 119 while only 19 were shown in Ontario against 36 during 1944. In the list for the Prairie Provinces, four failures were reported in Manitoba against two in the preceding year, the number in Saskatchewan was reduced from 3 to zero, and the Alberta score was three in 1945, one less than in the preceding year. The net result for the Prairie Provinces was a reduction in the number of failures from nine to seven. Seven failures occurred in British Columbia against 11 in 1944. (See Table 2).

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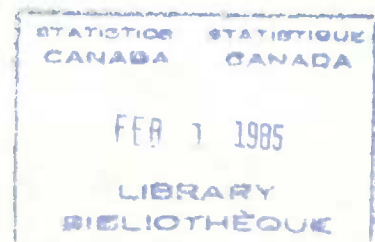


Table 1 COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1945
WITH TOTALS FOR 1944

	P.E.I. and N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total for	
									1945	1944
<u>TRADE</u>										
General Stores	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	1	10	4
Grocery	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	4	3
Confectionery	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Fish and Meat	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
Boots and Shoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dry Goods	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Clothing	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Furniture	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Books and Stationery	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	-
Automobile	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hardware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Electric Apparatus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Jewelry	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Coal and Wood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	5	3	-	-	1	1	10	16
Total Trade	1	-	29	7	-	-	1	3	41	46
<u>MANUFACTURE</u>										
Vegetable Foods	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	4
Drink and Tobacco	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Animal Foods	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Fur and Leather	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Pulp and Paper	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Textiles	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
Clothing	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Lumber and Manufacture	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	3
Iron and Steel	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	6
Non-Ferrous Metals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Non-Metallic Minerals	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Drugs and Chemicals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total Manufactures	-	-	17	2	1	-	-	-	20	32
<u>SERVICE</u>										
Garage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Other Custom and Repairs	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	7
Personal Service	1	-	16	1	-	-	-	-	18	28
Restaurants	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9	4
Professional Service	1	-	6	2	-	-	-	1	10	20
Recreational	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Business Service	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	5	8
Total Service	2	-	38	4	-	-	-	1	45	74
<u>OTHER</u>										
Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Mining	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	4
Logging, Fishing & Trapping	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Construction	-	-	28	2	2	-	-	1	33	27
Transportation and Public Utilities	-	-	2	1	1	-	2	1	6	5
Finance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Total Other	-	-	30	4	3	-	2	1	40	44
Not Classified	-	-	5	2	-	-	-	2	9	22
GRAND TOTAL	3	-	119	19	4	-	3	7	155	218

Table 2. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, SHOWING ESTIMATED GRAND TOTAL ASSETS AND GRAND TOTAL LIABILITIES, CALENDAR YEARS 1931-1945, WITH TOTALS BY PROVINCES, 1944 and 1945.

(Prepared from the preliminary statement of affairs received from trustees.)

Year	No. of Bankruptcies	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	19,257,469	23,598,260
1935	1,314	12,174,481	17,567,002
1936	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	1,173	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
1944	218	1,638,931	3,101,435
1945	155	1,236,614	2,219,942
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1944			
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	162	1,188,430	1,940,325
Ontario	36	240,508	456,479
Manitoba	2	4,361	9,302
Saskatchewan	3	5,967	8,216
Alberta	4	91,323	366,237
British Columbia	11	108,292	320,876
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Total 1944	218	1,638,931	3,101,435
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1945			
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	3	59,038	58,500
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	119	866,850	1,495,526
Ontario	19	230,967	457,718
Manitoba	4	30,196	78,460
Saskatchewan	-	-	-
Alberta	3	30,860	65,056
British Columbia	7	18,703	64,682
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Total 1945	155	1,236,614	2,219,942
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Table 3. COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ESTIMATED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, LAST THREE MONTHS OF 1945, WITH TOTALS FOR THE SAME PERIOD OF 1944 and 1943.

	Number of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities.
		\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-
Quebec	31	227,356	439,991
Ontario	2	26,677	98,641
Manitoba	2	25,876	63,902
Saskatchewan.....	-	-	-
Alberta.....	1	-	2,662
British Columbia	1	-	23,795
Cumulative Total for			
October, November, December,			
1945	37	279,909	628,991
1944	30	159,507	753,572
1943	82	686,412	793,440

Table 4. COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY PROVINCES, 1945

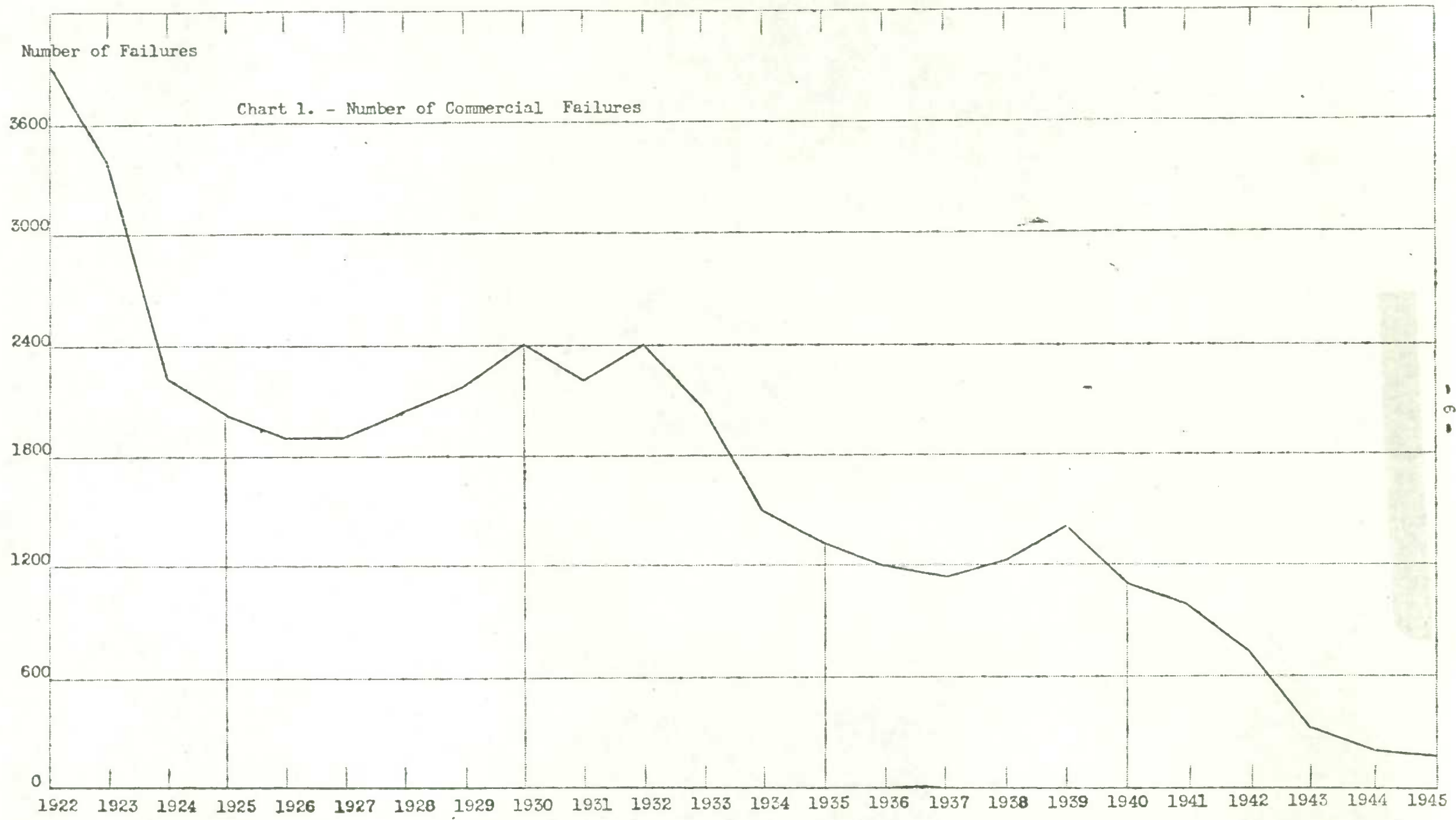
	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
January	-	2	-	17	4	-	-	-	2	25
February	-	-	-	12	3	-	-	1	-	16
March	-	1	-	8	2	-	-	-	-	11
April	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	1	13
May	-	-	-	9	-	1	-	1	1	12
June	-	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	9
July	-	-	-	7	5	1	-	-	-	13
August	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	1	7
September	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	1	12
October	-	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	1	11
November	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	1	-	15
December	-	-	-	9	-	2	-	-	-	11
Total 1945	-	3	-	119	19	4	-	3	7	155

Table 5. COMMERCIAL FAILURES, BY MONTHS AND BRANCHES OF BUSINESS, 1945.

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logging, Fishing, Trapping	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- porta- tion	Fin- ance	Sec- vice	Not Class- ified	Total
January	9	1	-	-	-	5	2	-	8	-	25
February.....	5	3	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	16
March.....	1	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	-	11
April.....	4	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	5	1	13
May.....	3	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	4	-	12
June	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	1	9
July.....	2	2	-	-	1	3	1	-	2	2	13
August.....	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	7
September....	3	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	2	12
October.....	6	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	11
November.....	3	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	6	1	15
December.....	3	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	2	1	11
Total 1945	20	-	-	-	1	33	6	-	45	9	155

Table 6. - NUMBER OF COMMERCIAL FAILURES AND DEFAULTED LIABILITIES
1922 - 1945

Year	Number of Failures			Defaulted Liabilities		
	Nine Months	Last Quarter	Year	Nine Months	Last Quarter	Year
				\$	\$	\$
1922	2,800	1,125	3,925	-	-	-
1923	2,707	701	3,408	46,573,353	15,044,174	61,617,527
1924	1,717	602	2,319	37,433,592	10,671,805	48,105,397
1925	1,513	483	1,996	23,889,896	8,263,801	32,153,697
1926	1,257	516	1,773	22,015,579	10,275,546	32,291,125
1927	1,294	547	1,841	20,865,970	9,768,499	30,634,469
1928	1,414	623	2,037	20,756,502	11,688,935	32,455,437
1929	1,589	578	2,167	26,618,648	12,128,990	38,747,638
1930	1,725	677	2,402	36,648,414	11,515,651	48,164,065
1931	1,581	635	2,216	32,740,366	19,812,534	52,552,900
1932	1,793	627	2,420	30,012,931	21,616,372	51,629,303
1933	1,585	459	2,044	26,347,327	6,606,531	32,953,858
1934	1,159	373	1,532	17,814,461	5,783,799	23,598,260
1935	980	334	1,314	12,975,483	4,591,519	17,567,002
1936	908	290	1,198	11,967,160	3,177,785	15,144,945
1937	827	299	1,126	10,109,873	4,193,489	14,303,362
1938	887	332	1,219	10,114,742	3,902,319	14,017,061
1939	1,060	332	1,392	11,571,298	3,518,163	15,089,461
1940	907	266	1,173	8,644,517	2,018,809	10,663,326
1941	772	236	1,008	7,129,101	2,004,556	9,133,657
1942	572	165	737	4,191,506	1,827,800	6,019,308
1943	232	82	314	3,693,807	793,440	4,486,247
1944	188	30	218	2,347,863	753,572	3,101,435
1945	118	37	155	1,590,951	628,991	2,219,942



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