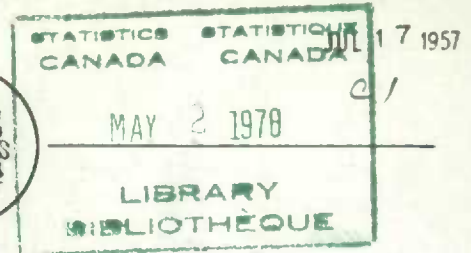


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Revised Series: A major revision in the compilation and the presentation of commercial failures statistics has been effected and the data contained in this report are not comparable with those in earlier publications. In order to maintain some continuity, the revision was extended back to January, 1955, but data prior to that date cannot be compared directly with the revised series. Differences, together with suggestions as to means of linking the old and the revised series at the total level are outlined below.

Coverage: The coverage of the revised series has been limited to business failures only. Prior to the revision, all failures reported under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts were contained in the main tables of this report. These tables will now exclude failures of individuals who do not operate businesses such as wage-earners, salesmen, executive personnel etc; individual owner-operators of small businesses, however, are still included, such as filling station operators, agents, cobblers, taxi owners, grocers, farmers, etc. A large number of wage-earner failures was formerly assigned to the "not classified" category in previous reports, as information as to the proper classification of these failures was often not reported. Relatively few business insolvencies are unclassified in the revised series.

As in the past, statistics in this report relate to the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts only. Insolvencies can occur through other legislation, such as the Farmers' Creditors' Arrangement Act, the Companies' Creditors' Arrangement Act and various provincial Bulk Sales Acts. Actually, very few failures occur through the Winding Up Act, and the great majority of the failures reported in this series is processed under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Act.

Classification: Whereas formerly failures statistics were classified largely on the basis of the 1931 Census classification system, the new series is based on the Standard Industrial Classification of Industries. Comparability of several groups and components are affected. Among the major changes are the following: garages and filling stations, both formerly classified to the Service group are now assigned to manufacture of transportation

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equipment (repair garages) and to trade (filling stations); establishments engaged in repairs such as boot and shoe repairs, furniture upholstery and repair, jewellery repairs, radio and electrical appliances repairs, which were formerly assigned to "custom and repair" in the Service group, are now classified as per S.I.C. to their appropriate manufacturing industries; restaurants, formerly shown separately under the Service industries are now included in Personal Service.

Presentation: Heretofore, data on estimated liabilities had been shown only at the total provincial level. They are now compiled for individual industries by months and by provinces. Also, in Table 4, business failures are classified by major industries and selected provinces according to size of liabilities. This will permit analysis of the varying size of insolvent firms in different industries and areas. Finally, Table 5 presents data on average estimated liability per failure by months, areas and major industries.

Relation to Old Series: The changes in coverage and classification outlined above are such that comparison of the new series with that contained in earlier reports for the period prior to 1955 is limited. The industry sub-totals as now compiled are no longer comparable. At the total level, however, the number of business failures reported in the main tables for Canada and economic areas can be added to the number of wage-earner failures that are shown in Table 6 for the same categories to derive totals comparable with those contained in previous publications. Total liabilities are not comparable as liabilities of wage-earners have been excluded in the new series. As regularly noted in earlier reports, in the Bankruptcy Act of 1949 provision was made for proposals from insolvent persons or businesses. Agreements made under this method are not normally included with the statistics of bankruptcies, but when such proposals are rejected by the creditors or fail in their purpose, the proceedings may then come under the Bankruptcy Act. This legislation affected the comparability of failures statistics prior to 1950. In Table 6 of this report, the number of proposals submitted will continue to be shown so as to give a general impression of the trend.

RECENT TRENDS

During 1956, the total number of business insolvencies (revised basis) recorded under the provisions of the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts rose to 1,966 as compared with 1,795 in 1955, an increase of 9.5 per cent. The estimated total of defaulted liabilities was \$61,230,000, an advance of nearly 14 per cent over the previous year. Average liability per failure was thus nearly 4 per cent higher in 1956 than in 1955.

Failures and Liabilities by Industries

As in the past (under the old system of classification) the greatest number of failures occurred in the trade sector. In the two-year comparison, however, bankruptcies of all trading establishments rose only slightly from 772 in 1955 to 781 in 1956. Insolvencies of furniture, appliances and radio stores rose substantially, while bankruptcies of clothing establishments fell off, and food store failures were almost unchanged. Insolvencies of construction establishments increased by more than 20%, from 309 in 1955

to 375, failures of both "general" and "special" contractors showing marked advances. Failures of manufacturers increased from 290 to 341 in 1956; the greatest number occurred in the iron and steel and transportation equipment industries (including repair garages) which recorded a gain of 12 per cent over 1955. Failures in the Service sector declined slightly while the number of defaulting transportation businesses rose from 68 to 83.

It is noted that most of the increase of \$7.5 million in total estimated liabilities was accounted for by the gain in bankrupt contractors' liabilities which rose from \$9.7 million in 1955 to \$16.8 million last year; moderate gains and declines in the amount of liabilities of the other important industry sectors were largely off-setting.

Failures and Liabilities by Economic Areas

In 1956, the greatest number of failures occurred in Quebec where 1,265 businesses were declared bankrupt, compared with 1,180 in the previous year; estimated liabilities in that province rose more moderately from \$28.7 million to \$29.6 million in the same comparison so that the average liability per failure declined from \$24,400 to \$20,800. By contrast, Ontario bankruptcies increased sharply from 406 to 507 and estimated liabilities showed an even greater relative advance; as a result the average liability per failure rose from \$40,100 to \$53,400. Insolvencies in each of the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia showed declines while a fractional increase was recorded in the Atlantic Provinces.

Average Liability per Failure

The period covered by Table 5 is too short to draw any long term conclusions about the size of failures by areas and industries. However, in both 1955 and 1956, the average liability in Quebec was well below the Canadian average. By contrast, the averages in Ontario, British Columbia and the Atlantic Provinces were substantially higher in both years. In terms of industries, the averages in manufactures and construction were well above those in trade and services. The average liability in the construction industry showed a marked increase from \$31,200 in 1955 to \$44,700 in 1956, while the average for manufactures declined from \$50,600 to \$44,200 in the same comparison.

Size of Liabilities

The data presented in Table 4 show that the greatest number of failures in 1955 and 1956 occurred in the \$5,000 - \$25,000 range of liabilities. In 1956, for the total and for each of the major industry groupings, the number of insolvencies under \$5,000 declined compared with the previous year, while the number involving greater liabilities showed an increase. In the Province of Quebec the number of failures under \$5,000 during the past two years constituted about 25 per cent of the provincial total, whereas in Ontario, the number of small bankruptcies accounted for only 11 per cent of the total.

Table 1 - Commercial Failures by Economic Areas and Industries
Fourth Quarter, and Year 1956 with Comparisons

	THE FOURTH QUARTER								THE YEAR				
	Atlantic Provinces	Que.	Ont.	Prairie Provinces	B.C.	Total Fourth Quarter				Total			
						Number		Liabilities		Number		Liabilities	
						1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955
						- Number -		\$'000	\$'000			\$'000	\$'000
AGRICULTURE	-	10	3	-	-	13	9	153	63	45	59	597	613
FORESTRY, FISHING & TRAPPING	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	20	17	10	3	190	29
MINING	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	56	122	3	4	81	528
MANUFACTURES													
Foods and Beverages	1	6	3	-	-	10	5	423	51	37	15	1,466	207
Textiles	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	524	2	11	57	1,105
Clothing	-	7	-	-	-	7	10	84	3,469	42	53	1,054	4,672
Wood Products	-	10	1	-	-	11	15	187	1,369	49	50	2,922	2,665
Paper Products & Printing													
Trades	-	9	2	-	-	11	1	270	14	27	13	775	221
Iron & Steel & Transportation													
Equipment	-	14	11	1	-	26	35	551	2,424	110	98	3,472	3,886
Electrical Apparatus &													
Non-ferrous Metals	-	4	3	-	1	8	5	102	127	34	13	3,418	291
Chemical Products	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	26	2	6	36	361
Other Industries	-	5	3	1	-	9	12	527	507	38	31	1,877	1,276
Total Manufactures	1	55	23	2	1	82	87	2,144	8,510	341	290	15,078	14,684
CONSTRUCTION													
General Contractors	1	34	25	2	2	64	57	5,773	2,924	187	148	10,457	6,731
Special Trade Contractors	-	25	18	4	1	48	42	1,214	604	188	161	6,314	2,921
Total Construction	1	59	43	6	3	112	99	6,987	3,528	375	309	16,772	9,651
TRANSPORTATION ST. & C.	1	14	4	2	3	24	15	417	574	83	68	1,035	1,408
TRADE													
Food	1	29	16	1	3	50	43	917	780	174	175	3,047	4,172
General Merchandise	-	9	-	1	1	11	11	208	155	60	43	1,509	1,337
Automotive Products	1	6	8	2	-	17	13	879	803	40	41	1,679	2,707
Filling Stations	-	4	3	2	-	9	3	52	31	25	24	203	359
Clothing	-	17	11	1	1	30	25	408	478	93	106	1,377	2,670
Shoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	43	8	17	226	255
Hardware & Building													
Materials	1	8	3	-	-	12	16	377	457	57	54	1,826	2,311
Furniture, Appliances & Radios.	2	17	12	5	-	36	14	1,534	436	125	93	5,504	2,981
Fuel	-	2	1	-	-	3	3	66	92	15	12	286	347
Drugs	-	2	1	-	-	3	4	50	75	13	10	230	146
Jewellery	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	28	74	15	27	272	569
Other Trades	-	32	6	-	-	38	44	736	821	156	170	4,297	3,696
Total Trade	5	127	61	12	5	210	172	5,256	4,244	781	772	20,453	21,551
FINANCE & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1	11	2	-	1	15	5	654	56	28	14	1,042	205
SERVICE													
Community Service	-	6	-	1	-	7	1	64	11	16	10	907	91
Recreational Service	-	2	1	-	-	3	4	53	50	15	15	592	357
Business Service	-	5	3	1	-	9	7	126	101	23	32	766	485
Personal Service	1	32	9	2	-	44	58	754	856	190	193	2,686	3,708
Total Service	1	45	13	4	-	63	70	997	1,018	244	250	4,951	4,641
NOT CLASSIFIED	-	17	3	1	1	22	8	375	306	56	26	1,030	466
TOTAL	10	340	152	27	14	543	480	17,058	18,439	1,966	1,795	61,230	53,776

Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months
and Industries with Cumulative data.

	Total		Agriculture		Manufactures			
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Total		Wood Products	
					Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955								
January	170	4,963	10	72	25	688	1	31
February	163	3,928	6	73	17	275	-	-
March	177	4,023	9	130	39	868	8	151
April	145	5,222	1	18	32	1,504	8	492
May	154	3,787	6	65	20	543	5	122
June	139	3,841	5	65	19	699	4	240
July	107	2,682	5	58	16	297	4	118
August	113	3,306	3	45	20	515	4	123
September	147	3,586	5	22	15	785	1	19
October	156	4,008	1	5	26	1,335	6	621
November	168	6,327	2	25	36	3,088	4	408
December	156	8,104	6	32	25	4,087	5	340
1956								
January	166	3,825	2	21	26	1,386	2	8
February	145	6,150	6	130	34	3,797	6	1,081
March	180	8,893	3	70	29	2,317	4	211
April	174	5,084	4	61	29	1,212	7	262
May	164	3,716	2	17	28	477	1	12
June	140	3,908	3	44	32	1,334	2	375
July	170	4,085	7	70	31	954	4	79
August	155	4,918	3	24	29	849	5	330
September	129	3,594	2	7	21	609	7	377
October	184	5,015	3	20	30	513	4	58
November	185	5,718	5	64	28	667	5	98
December	174	6,325	5	68	24	964	2	31
Twelve months 1955	1,795	53,776	59	613	290	14,684	50	2,665
Twelve months 1956	1,966	61,230	45	597	341	15,078	49	2,922
	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total	
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
	Number	Liab.						
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955								
January	7	89	27	828	3	67	89	3,116
February	10	170	31	591	7	53	75	2,548
March	15	230	29	807	10	131	71	1,724
April	9	236	16	517	5	98	64	2,091
May	6	214	25	1,255	8	80	75	1,531
June	4	25	19	581	5	173	60	1,951
July	2	6	19	321	5	98	43	1,186
August	6	45	19	716	2	43	46	1,500
September	4	447	25	507	8	93	64	1,661
October	7	149	30	567	5	35	58	1,189
November	17	1,916	25	574	4	509	70	1,822
December	11	359	44	2,387	6	30	57	1,233

Table 2. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months
and Industries with Cumulative data. (Concluded)

	Manufactures		Construction		Transportation St. & C.		Trade Total					
	Iron & Steel & Transportation Equipment		Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.				
	Number	Liab.										
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000				
1956												
January	7	68	29	528	6	34	65	1,213				
February	10	1,685	26	733	8	41	52	1,213				
March	12	170	38	3,129	9	119	70	1,619				
April	12	162	32	1,341	5	46	79	2,117				
May	10	143	32	835	7	46	72	2,077				
June	12	419	15	296	9	182	59	1,687				
July	7	29	33	1,006	5	69	67	1,248				
August	9	144	30	961	9	79	54	2,489				
September	5	101	28	955	1	2	53	1,518				
October	9	150	46	1,877	6	47	68	1,891				
November	11	318	35	2,800	10	115	72	1,626				
December	6	83	31	2,310	8	254	70	1,738				
Twelve months 1955 ...	98	3,886	309	9,651	68	1,408	772	21,551				
Twelve months 1956 ...	110	3,472	375	16,772	83	1,035	781	20,453				
Trade												
	Food		Clothing		Furniture Appliances and Radios		Service					
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.				
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000				
1955												
January	14	126	15	536	9	484	12	154				
February	13	499	10	127	14	713	22	350				
March	24	662	6	82	8	269	15	314				
April	11	172	9	156	12	362	22	949				
May	14	260	8	294	10	222	16	249				
June	17	632	12	408	9	190	29	359				
July	7	82	7	340	3	74	17	348				
August	14	603	5	115	6	83	21	468				
September	18	357	9	135	8	149	26	434				
October	14	214	8	164	5	134	31	620				
November	18	463	11	228	6	261	24	228				
December	11	104	6	86	3	40	15	170				
1956												
January	16	163	8	141	11	246	32	414				
February	8	141	10	85	11	450	14	149				
March	22	577	11	138	6	189	24	1,459				
April	19	309	4	124	13	595	22	245				
May	13	287	5	40	19	1,008	15	109				
June	7	154	4	38	10	555	16	163				
July	19	259	10	168	7	176	23	697				
August	8	143	7	159	9	412	21	366				
September	12	98	4	76	3	337	14	352				
October	9	84	8	79	18	883	18	368				
November	23	583	11	172	7	295	23	367				
December	18	250	11	158	11	357	22	262				
Twelve months 1955 ...	175	4,172	106	2,670	93	2,981	250	4,641				
Twelve months 1956 ...	174	3,047	93	1,377	125	5,504	244	4,951				

Table 3. Commercial Failures and Estimated Liabilities by Months, Provinces and Selected Cities, with Cumulative Data.

	Canada		Atlantic Provinces		Province of Quebec		Montreal		Ontario	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955 - January	170	4,963	5	404	108	2,039	42	937	41	1,591
February	163	3,928	2	38	117	2,685	46	1,158	29	692
March	177	4,023	2	89	112	2,417	46	1,161	46	1,073
April	145	5,222	6	309	86	2,783	40	1,897	37	1,593
May	154	3,787	2	326	100	1,899	41	885	34	1,212
June	139	3,841	3	129	81	1,776	37	867	39	1,414
July	107	2,682	4	218	69	1,278	36	686	23	587
August	113	3,306	3	466	74	1,467	35	783	22	906
September	147	3,586	1	150	101	1,889	45	1,071	31	1,170
October	156	4,008	1	12	110	2,873	45	1,656	35	823
November	168	6,327	3	64	110	3,981	52	2,797	38	1,086
December	156	8,104	4	43	112	3,659	39	1,337	31	4,152
1956 - January	166	3,825	-	-	110	2,409	55	727	45	1,293
February	145	6,150	4	162	81	2,020	43	1,169	48	3,587
March	180	8,893	3	41	115	4,345	54	2,999	52	1,967
April	174	5,084	3	248	106	1,796	45	535	47	2,342
May	164	3,716	1	11	117	2,510	38	1,012	28	832
June	140	3,908	3	60	77	1,980	36	1,051	41	677
July	170	4,085	3	82	126	2,246	61	1,013	33	1,431
August	155	4,918	5	368	108	3,435	43	2,269	32	689
September	129	3,594	5	523	85	1,825	33	590	29	901
October	184	5,015	3	124	116	2,269	57	1,466	54	2,388
November	185	5,718	2	82	113	2,337	45	1,132	53	2,557
December	174	6,325	5	348	111	2,469	49	1,556	45	3,172
Twelve months 1955	1,795	53,776	36	2,248	1,180	28,746	504	15,235	406	16,299
Twelve months 1956	1,966	61,230	37	2,049	1,265	29,641	559	15,519	507	21,836
	Toronto		Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.	Number	Liab.
		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000		\$'000
1955 - January	15	1,065	2	257	3	334	5	68	6	272
February	9	124	4	243	3	108	3	56	5	106
March	14	413	6	205	2	42	3	40	6	156
April	8	476	3	48	4	237	3	130	6	123
May	9	559	2	35	3	91	6	119	7	106
June	13	594	-	-	4	95	5	62	7	366
July	4	57	1	23	2	452	3	49	5	75
August	6	201	-	-	4	259	-	-	10	208
September	4	480	3	48	3	37	4	249	4	42
October	9	244	1	33	2	72	3	31	4	163
November	11	305	3	136	5	131	5	83	4	846
December	8	329	2	115	2	26	2	25	3	85
1956 - January	12	589	2	37	2	30	3	22	4	34
February	15	1,350	-	-	4	145	1	48	7	187
March	14	1,312	2	2,329	2	120	3	35	3	56
April	10	847	4	102	2	47	5	297	7	252
May	7	178	2	36	4	33	3	43	9	251
June	16	374	2	101	4	165	6	413	7	512
July	5	107	1	16	3	261	2	21	2	28
August	6	121	3	52	2	30	2	46	3	296
September	8	275	1	18	1	2	5	97	3	226
October	13	742	3	100	2	8	3	56	3	69
November	18	1,482	2	92	4	99	2	81	9	470
December	10	2,022	1	60	4	60	6	166	2	50
Twelve months 1955	110	4,847	27	1,143	37	1,884	42	912	67	2,548
Twelve months 1956	134	9,399	23	2,943	34	1,000	41	1,325	59	2,431

Table 4. Commercial Failures by Major Industries, and Provinces, according to Size of Liabilities.

	1955					1956				
	1st.Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
Manufacturing										
Under \$5,000	16	12	15	16	59	15	15	15	8	53
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	45	29	25	35	134	38	43	48	52	181
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	10	10	3	13	36	16	13	10	14	53
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	8	12	5	12	37	9	15	3	6	33
Over \$100,000	2	8	3	11	24	11	3	5	2	21
Total	81	71	51	87	290	89	89	81	82	341
Construction										
Under \$5,000	19	8	12	18	57	15	7	13	13	48
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	49	30	35	53	167	50	40	43	50	183
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	7	12	12	14	45	17	20	16	18	71
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	10	4	-	10	24	8	9	12	14	43
Over \$100,000	2	6	4	4	16	3	3	7	17	30
Total	87	60	63	99	309	93	79	91	112	375
Trade										
Under \$5,000	41	33	19	29	122	28	35	23	31	117
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	129	117	98	106	450	113	108	116	120	457
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	30	21	16	33	100	26	36	21	36	119
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	18	18	10	12	58	17	22	9	15	63
Over \$100,000	17	10	10	5	42	3	9	5	8	25
Total	235	199	153	185	772	187	210	174	210	781
Service										
Under \$5,000	19	22	15	25	81	18	21	19	16	74
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	15	30	31	30	106	38	27	25	34	124
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	12	8	13	11	44	9	4	8	8	29
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	3	5	4	4	16	1	-	3	5	9
Over \$100,000	-	2	1	-	3	4	1	3	-	8
Total	49	67	64	70	250	70	53	58	63	244
Total Canada										
Under \$5,000	121	87	74	98	380	91	83	88	87	349
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	262	228	205	249	944	265	252	256	300	1,073
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	65	56	50	70	241	75	79	61	85	300
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	40	40	19	40	139	37	47	29	41	154
Over \$100,000	22	27	19	23	91	23	17	20	30	90
Total	510	438	367	480	1,795	491	478	454	543	1,966
Quebec										
Under \$5,000	96	70	68	84	318	68	58	81	76	283
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	165	139	130	170	604	168	160	174	202	704
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	39	24	28	43	134	38	51	39	34	162
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	26	23	8	18	75	19	25	14	18	76
Over \$100,000	11	11	10	17	49	13	6	11	10	40
Total	337	267	244	332	1,180	306	300	319	340	1,265
Ontario										
Under \$5,000	20	14	1	10	45	16	20	6	9	51
\$ 5,000 - \$ 25,000 ..	62	56	47	57	222	76	61	52	75	264
\$25,000 - \$ 50,000 ..	19	19	16	20	74	30	15	21	33	99
\$50,000 - \$100,000 ..	10	9	9	13	41	16	15	11	17	59
Over \$100,000	5	12	3	4	24	7	5	4	18	34
Total	116	110	76	104	406	145	116	94	152	507

Table 5. Average Estimated Liability per Failure by Months, Economic Areas and Selected Industry Groups.

	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Manu- fac- tures	Con- struc- tion	Trade	Service
- Thousand dollars -										
1955										
January	29.2	80.8	18.9	38.8	65.9	45.3	27.5	30.7	35.0	12.8
February	24.1	19.0	22.9	23.9	40.7	21.2	16.2	19.1	34.0	15.9
March	22.7	44.5	21.6	23.3	26.0	26.0	22.3	27.8	24.3	20.9
April	36.0	51.5	32.4	43.0	41.5	20.5	47.0	32.3	32.7	43.1
May	24.6	163.0	18.9	35.6	22.2	15.1	27.2	50.2	20.4	15.6
June	27.6	42.9	21.9	36.3	17.4	52.3	36.8	30.6	32.5	12.4
July	25.1	54.5	18.5	25.5	87.3	15.0	18.6	16.9	27.6	20.5
August	29.2	155.3	19.8	41.2	64.7	20.8	25.8	37.7	32.6	22.3
September	24.4	75.0	18.7	37.7	33.4	10.5	52.3	20.3	26.0	16.7
October	25.7	12.0	26.1	23.5	22.6	40.8	51.3	18.9	20.5	20.0
November	37.7	21.3	36.2	28.6	26.9	211.5	85.8	23.0	26.0	9.5
December	51.9	10.7	32.7	133.9	27.6	28.3	163.5	54.3	21.6	11.3
1956										
January	23.0	-	21.9	28.7	12.7	8.5	53.3	18.2	18.9	12.9
February	42.4	40.5	24.9	74.7	38.6	26.7	111.7	28.2	23.3	10.6
March	49.4	13.7	37.8	37.8	354.8	18.7	79.9	82.3	22.7	60.8
April	29.2	82.7	16.9	49.8	40.5	36.0	41.8	41.9	26.8	11.1
May	22.2	11.0	21.5	29.7	12.4	27.9	17.0	24.0	28.8	7.3
June	27.9	20.0	25.7	16.5	56.5	73.1	41.7	19.7	28.3	10.2
July	24.0	27.3	17.8	43.4	49.6	14.0	30.8	30.5	18.6	30.7
August	31.7	73.6	31.8	21.5	18.2	98.7	29.3	32.0	46.1	17.4
September	27.9	104.6	21.5	31.1	16.7	75.3	29.0	34.1	28.6	25.1
October	27.3	41.4	19.6	44.2	12.1	21.3	17.1	40.8	27.8	20.4
November	30.9	40.9	20.7	48.2	34.0	52.2	23.8	80.0	22.6	10.3
December	36.3	69.6	22.2	70.5	26.0	25.0	40.2	74.5	24.8	11.9
The year 1955	30.0	60.8	24.4	40.1	37.2	38.0	50.6	31.2	27.9	18.6
The year 1956	31.1	55.4	20.8	53.4	26.8	42.1	44.2	44.7	26.2	20.3

Table 6. Wage-Earner Failures and Proposals, by Months and Economic Areas.

	Wage-Earner Failures						Proposals			
	Canada	Atlantic Provinces	Quebec	Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	Canada	Quebec	Ontario	Other Provinces
1955										
January	51	-	50	-	1	-	47	37	7	3
February	41	-	38	2	1	-	44	36	4	4
March	59	-	58	-	-	1	40	34	5	1
April	57	-	57	-	-	-	44	42	2	-
May	43	-	41	2	-	-	39	33	5	1
June	64	-	62	1	-	1	28	25	2	1
July	54	-	52	1	-	1	40	36	4	-
August	64	-	62	2	-	-	52	49	2	1
September	51	1	48	1	-	1	34	33	1	-
October	61	1	54	6	-	-	52	51	1	-
November	54	-	54	-	-	-	50	49	-	1
December	58	-	57	1	-	-	48	41	3	4
1956										
January	59	-	57	2	-	-	59	56	-	3
February	83	-	80	3	-	-	67	60	4	3
March	86	-	84	1	1	-	64	56	4	4
April	68	-	68	-	-	-	63	54	6	3
May	65	-	63	2	-	-	74	70	4	-
June	83	-	76	6	-	1	65	59	6	-
July	69	-	68	1	-	-	62	60	2	-
August	84	1	83	-	-	-	47	44	2	1
September	81	-	81	-	-	-	50	49	1	-
October	116	-	116	-	-	-	101	90	8	3
November	109	-	107	2	-	-	81	66	8	7
December	70	-	67	3	-	-	79	74	4	1
12 months 1955	657	2	633	16	2	4	518	466	36	16
12 months 1956	973	1	950	20	1	1	812	738	49	25

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