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## COMNBRCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA IN APRIL, 1228.

As compared with April 1927, the number of assignments under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of statistics, show a slight increase, while the liabilities of the assignors show a slight decrease. Comercial failures in Canade in April 1928 numbered 235, as campared with 127 in April 1927, and 164 in March 1928. The liabilities of the assignors, amounting to $\$ 2,269.682$, as compared with $\$ 2,193.258$ in March 1928, showed an increase; when compared with $\$ 2,279.954$ in April 1927, a decrease is noted.

## COMMSRCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS.

Maritime Provinces.- In the month under review there were 10 assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 6 in March 1928 and 12 in April 1927, a decrease of 17 p.c. being noted in the latter comparison. The liabilities in April were about $\$ 64,000$.

Quebec.- Commercial failures in the province of Quebec during April 1928 numbered 51, as against 68 in March 1928 and 48 in April 1927, a slight increase belng noted in the latter comparison. The liabilities were approximately \$977,000.

Ontario.- In Ontario, the failures numbered 43 as against 54 in March 1928, and 41 in April 1927. Liabilities aggregated about $\$ 790,000$.

Prairie Provinces.- In the three Prairie Provinces, comercial fallures decreased from 26 in March 1928 to 25 in April 1928 and may be compared with 23 for April 1927. Liabilities were in the neighborhood of $\$ 325,000$.

British Columbia.- In the Pacific Province, comnercial failures totalled 6 as compared with 10 in March 1928 and 4 in April 1927. The liabilities were about $\$ 104,000$.

## FAILURES BY BRANCESS OF BUSINESS.

Trade. - Trading establishments furnished as usual the largest number of failures, 66 assigning in April 1928, as compared with 67 in March 1928, and 58 in April 1927-an increase of about 14 p.c. as compared with the same month of last year.

Menufactures.- Manufacturing establishments to the number of 31 assigned during April 1928, as against 43 in March and 32 in April 1927. The 31 include 4 engaged in the manufacture of vegetable foods, 4 in fur and leather, 5 in clothing, and 6 in lumber and its manufactured products.

Agriculture.- Agriculturists assigning in April 1928 numbered 9, as against 10 in March 1928 and 9 in April 1927.

Other Failures.- Other failures in April 1928 included 2 in construction, 2 in mining, 3 in transpartation and public utilities, and 17 in service,

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The cwulative total of comercial failures for the first four months of 1928 tias 684, as compared aith 624. 595, and 792 for the same periods of 1927, 1920 and 1925 respectively. The defaulted liabilities for the first four months of 1928 were $\$ 9,652,669$, as ccmpared with $\$ 8,986,577$, $\$ 9,816,537$ and $\$ 11,290,242$ for the same periods of the three preceding years. Thus defaulted liabilities showed an increase when compared with the same period of 1927, and a decline then ccmpared with the same periods of 1926 and 1925.

Cumulative Record of Comercial Failures in Canada, by Provinces January to Auril 1922-1028

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Comparative
Tctals for
first four
months.

| 1928............... 3 | 27 | 17 | 245 | 248 | 38 | 23 | 55 | 28 | 684 |
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| 1927............. 1 | 25 | 26 | 223 | 219 | 29 | 24 | 50 | 27 | 624 |
| 1926.............. 4 | 23 | 23 | 223 | 214 | 36 | 21 | 37 | 14 | 595 |
| 1925............... 1 | 31 | 22 | 301 | 276 | 33 | 41 | 62 | 25 | 792 |
| 1924. | 31 | 26 | 346 | 339 | 41 | 66 | 74 | 31 | 54 |
| 1923.............. 6 | 57 | 16 | 497 | 388 | 110 | 143 | 157 | 60 | 1,434 |
| 1922............... 5 | 37 | 64 | $48{ }^{\circ}$ | 335 | 96 | 104 | 113 | 57 | 1.299 |

Commercial Failures in Canada, by Branches of Business, January to Anril 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928.



Statistical Table.- The comercial failures in each month from January 1925 are given by provinces ir Table 1, while Table 2 furnishes statistics of comercial failures by branches of busineas by months frcm January 1925 to April 1928. The detailed figures of failures during April 1928 are shomn by provinces and branchos of business in Table 3. The assets and liabilities of those failing during April 1928 are shown by provinces in Table 4.
P.E.I. N.S. N.B. QUE. ONT. MAN. SASK. ALTA. B.C. TOTAL

| Total 1922- | 15 | 121 | 131 | 1,589 | 1,058 | 284 | 272 | 299 | 156 | 3,925 |
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| Total 1923- | 16 | 155 | 67 | 1,181 | 970 | 258 | 280 | 323 | 158 | 3,408 |
| Iotal 1924- | 3 | 69 | 67 | 907 | 835 | 100 | 131 | 150 | 57 | 2,319 |


| Jonuary | 1 | 13 | 7 | 116 | 86 | 10 | 11 | 20 | 6 | 270 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fobruary | - | 4 | 5 | 60 | 60 | 5 | 9 | 14 | 5 | 162 |
| liorch | - | 9 | 4 | 67 | 71 | 7 | 9 | 22 | 9 | 198 |
| April | - | 5 | 6 | 58 | 59 | 11 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 162 |
| May | 1 | 3 | 9 | 66 | 57 | 5 | 8 | 11 | - | 160 |
| June | - | 3 | 6 | 43 | 67 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 145 |
| July | - | 4 | 5 | 50 | 52 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 4 | 131 |
| August | - | 4 | 5 | 51 | 55 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 134 |
| Sentember | - | 5 | 2 | 69 | 54 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 151 |
| October | 2 | 7 | 4 | 49 | 47 | 7 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 142 |
| Noveraber | - | 5 | 3 | 66 | 53 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 163 |
| December | - | 9 | 11 | 63 | 59 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 9 | 177 |
| Total 1925 | 4 | 71 | 67 | 758 | 720 | 85 | 77 | 139 | 74 | 1,995 |


| January | 1 | 15 | 10 | 80 | 54 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | 184 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Yebruary | - | 5 | 3 | 38 | 67 | 11 | 3 | 11 | 6 | 144 |
| March | 2 | 2 | 3 | 54 | 48 | 7 | 6 | 12 | 2 | 136 |
| Arril | 1 | 1 | 7 | 51 | 45 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 131 |
| May | - | 4 | 6 | 41 | 50 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 124 |
| June | - | 6 | 8 | 47 | 51 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 145 |
| July | - | 3 | 5 | 54 | 58 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 140 |
| Aucust | - | 4 | 3 | 43 | 49 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 121 |
| Sertember | - | 5 | 6 | 44 | 47 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 132 |
| October | - | 5 | 11 | 76 | 63 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 180 |
| IVovember | - | 6 | 6 | 64 | 53 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 165 |
| December | - | 7 | 6 | 62 | 70 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 4 | 171 |
| Total, 1926 | 4 | 63 | 74 | 554 | 655 | 84 | 68 | 113 | 58 | 1,773 |


|  |  |  |  |  | 227 |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $J$ anuary | - | 5 | 6 | 65 | 72 | 10 | 4 | 19 | 10 | 191 |
| February | - | 8 | 11 | 54 | 43 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 6 | 143 |
| Harch | - | 5 | 6 | 57 | 63 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 164 |
| April | 1 | 8 | 3 | 48 | 41 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 128 |
| íay | - | 4 | 5 | 39 | 58 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 127 |
| June | - | 2 | 4 | 46 | 60 | 12 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 138 |
| July | - | 6 | 7 | 39 | 42 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 9 | 117 |
| Aucust | 1 | 9 | 14 | 55 | 46 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 147 |
| September | - | 4 | 2 | 45 | 51 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 5 | 128 |
| October | 1 | 6 | 8 | 66 | 69 | 9 | 6 | 15 | 4 | 184 |
| November | - | 5 | 4 | 72 | 64 | 16 | 3 | 18 | 4 | 186 |
| December | 1 | 4 | 4 | 65 | 69 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 5 | 174 |
| Total | 4 | 66 | 74 | 651 | 678 | 97 | 51 | 134 | 72 | 1,827 |
| 1928 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 1 | 13 | 3 | 58 | 82 | 11 | 5 | 20 | 4 | 197 |
| Feoruary | 1 | 9 | 4 | 68 | 69 | 10 | 6 | 13 | 8 | 188 |
| March | 1 |  | 5 | 68 | 54 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 164 |
| April | - | 5 | 5 | 51 | 43 | , | 5 | 14 | 6 | 135 |

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Table 3.- COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BRANCHES OH BUSINESS IN APRIL, 1928.

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| General Stcres | - | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | 12 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gracery | - | - | 2 | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - |  |
| Confectionery | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Drink and İrbacce | - | - | - | 2 | -- | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Fisil and Meat | - | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 6 |
| Bunts and Shces | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Dry Goods | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Clothing | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 5 |
| Furniture | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Bocks and stationery | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | -- | - | - | - | 3 |
| Automobile | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hardware | - | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Elec. Apparatus | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Jewelry | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Coal and mood | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Total | - | 3 | 4 | 26 | 22 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 66 |
| MANUFACTURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable Foods | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Drink and Tobaccu | * | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Animal Foods | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Fur and Leather | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | 1 | - | 4 |
| Pulp and Paper | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Textiles | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Clothing | - | - | 1 | 1 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 5 |
| Lumber and Man. | - | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Iron and Steel | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Non-Ferrous Metals | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Non-Metallic Metals | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | 5 |
| total | - | - | 1 | 14 | 10 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | 31 |

SERVICE

| Garages | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Other Custums \& Repairs | - | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 4 |
| Persunal Service | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 | - | 4 |
| Prcfessional Service | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Recreational Service | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| Business Service | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| Tutal | - | 1 | - | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 17 |

OTHER

| Agriculture | - | - | - | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | - | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mining | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Logging-Fishing \& |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Trapping | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |  |
| Construction | - | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| Trans. and Fub, Util. | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |  | 3 |
| Finance | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |  | - |
| Total |  | 1 | - | 3 | 6 | $?$ | 1 | 3 | 1 | 17 |

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Table 4. - CONQEROIAI FAILURES IN GANADA, BY PROVINOES, SHOTING ASSEIS
AND LIABILITIES FOR AFRIL 1928.
(Prepared frow the preliminary statements of affairs received from trustees).

| Provinces | No. of Bankruptcies | Estimated Grand Total Assets | Estimated Grand Total Liabilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prince Edward Island | - | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | 5 | 47.349 | 44, 842 |
| New Brunswick | 5 | 25.673 | 28,957 |
| Quebec | 51 | 659.386 | 977.076 |
| orcerio | 43 | 627,245 | 789,930 |
| Manitoba | 6 | 34.535 | 59.344 |
| Saskatcheman | 5 | 112,439 | 181,172 |
| Alberta | 14 | 62,311 | 84.665 |
| British Columbia | 6 | 50,025 | 103,696 |
| Total for April, 1928 | 135 | 1,628,963 | 2,259,682 |
| Total for Minarch, 1928 | 164 | 1,552,401 | 2,193,258 |
| Total for April, 1927 | 127 | 1,894,339 | 2,279,954 |
| Cumulative Total for 4 months 1928 | 684 | 7.383.574 | 9,652,669 |
| Cumulative Total for 4 months 1927 | 624 | 7.464 .298 | 8,986,577 |
| Cumulative Total for 4 months 1926 | 595 | 7,365,826 | 9,816,53? |
| Cumulative Total for 4 months 1925 | 792 | 8,156,169 | 11,290,242 |

