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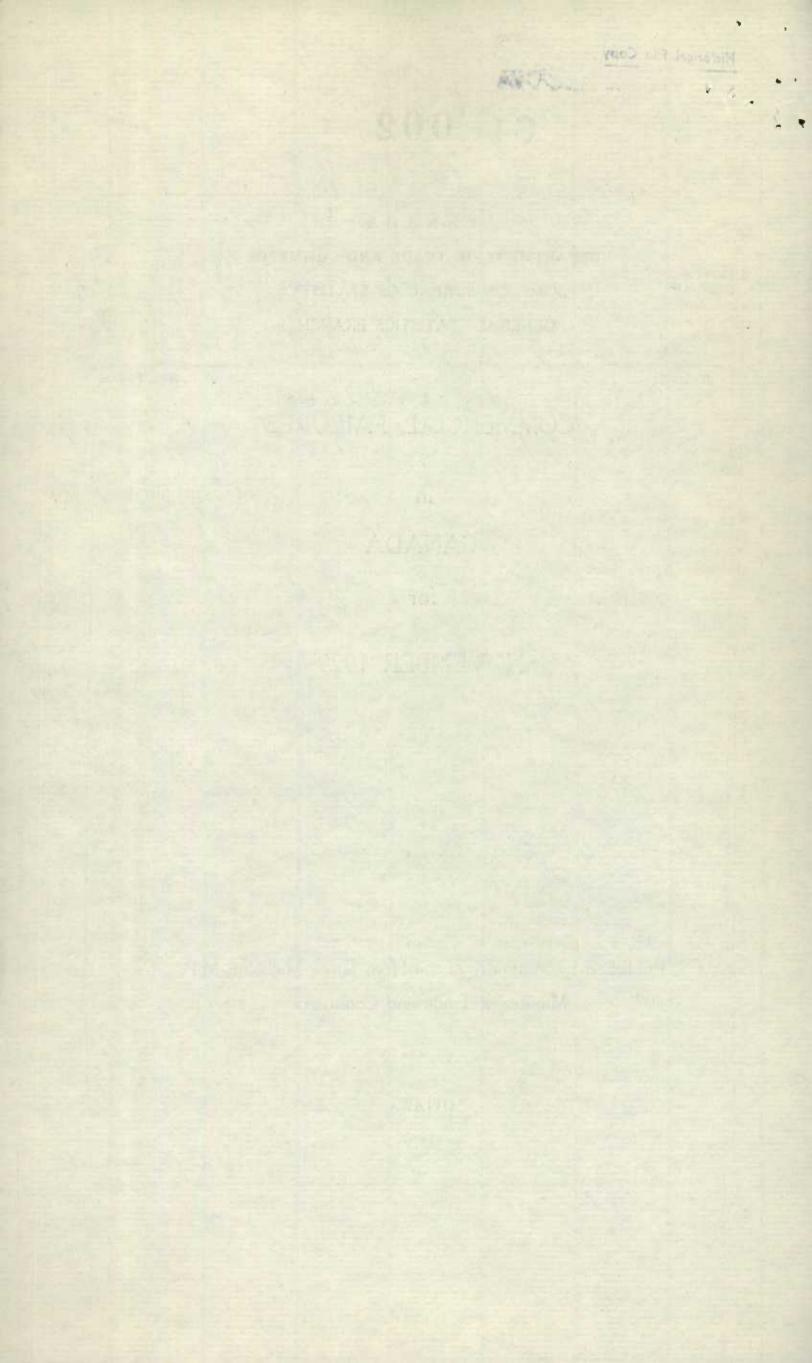
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#### COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA IN NOVEMBER, 1929.

A decrease in the number of assignments under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up Acts, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was recorded in November, 1929, as compared with November, 1928, while the liabilities of the assignors also showed a considerable decrease. Commercial failures numbered 176, as compared with 193 in the same month of the previous year, and 176 in October, 1929. The liabilities of the assignors, amounting to \$2,774,707 in November, 1929, as compared with \$2,050,232 in October, 1929, indicated an increase in this comparison. When compared with \$3,208,721 in November, 1928, a decrease is noted.

#### COMMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

MARITIME PROVINCES. In the month under review, there were 17 assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 13 in October, 1929, and 7 in November, 1928. The liabilities in November, 1929, were about \$74,000.

QUEBEC. - Commercial failures in the Province of Quebec during November, 1929, numbered 68, as against 82 in October, 1929, and 72 in November, 1928, a decrease of about 6 p.c. in the latter more significant comparison. The liabilities were approximately \$1,200,000. In the city of Montreal, there were 35 assignments with liabilities of about \$794,000.

ONTARIO. In Ontario, the failures numbered 49, as compared with 54 in October, 1929, and 80 in November, 1928, a considerable decrease being noted in both comparisons. The liabilities aggregated about \$932,000. Of these 49 failures, 10 with liabilities of about \$301,000 were in the city of Toronto.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES.— In the three Prairie Provinces, failures increased from 23 in October, 1929, to 30 in November, 1929, and may be compared with 30 in November, 1928, an increase of about 30 p.c. in the former comparison. The liabilities totalled \$464,000 principally in Saskatchewan. There were 9 failures in the city of Winnipeg with liabilities of about \$147,000.

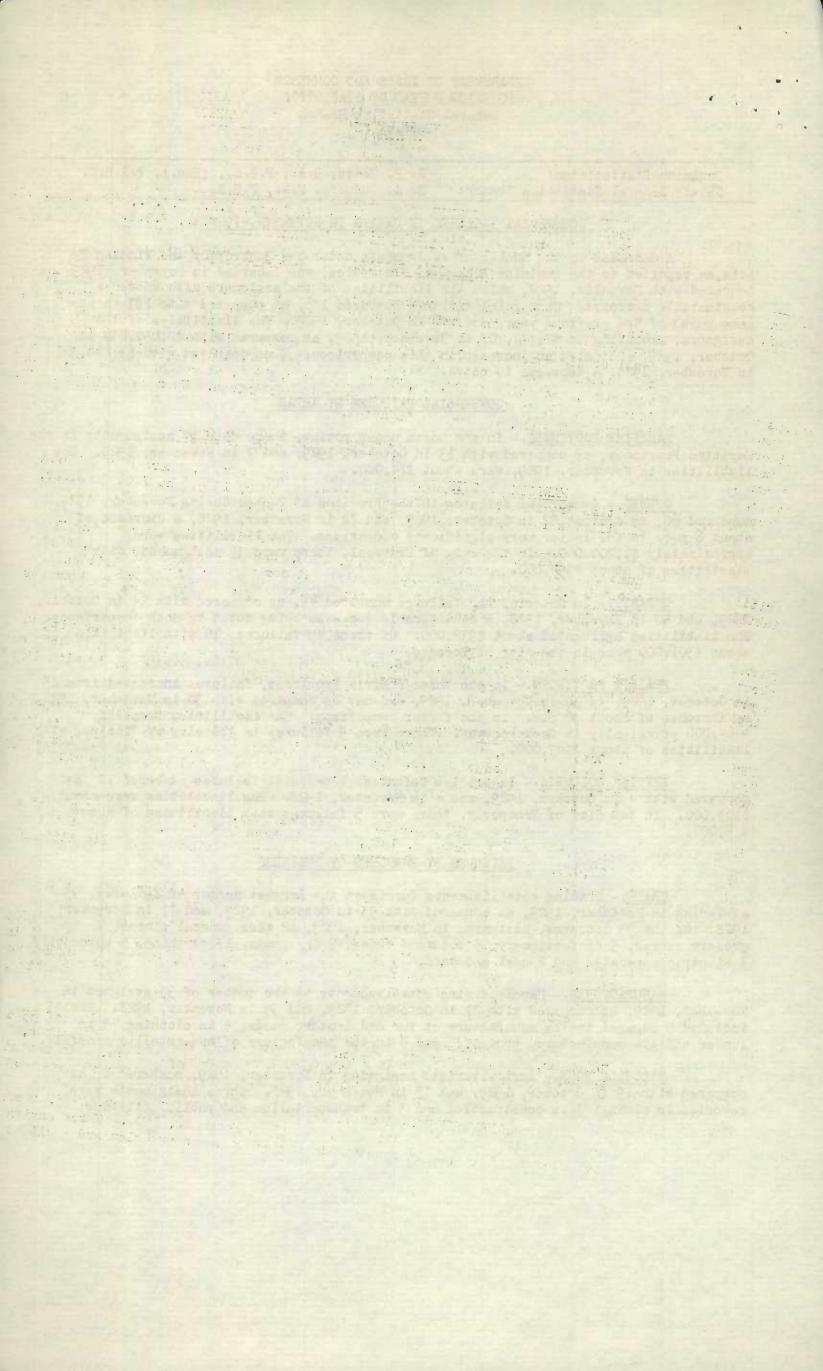
BRITISH COLUMBIA. In British Columbia, commercial failures numbered 12 as compared with 4 in October, 1929, and 4 in November, 1928. The liabilities were about \$103,000. In the city of Vancouver, there were 5 failures with liabilities of about \$75,000.

#### FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS

TRADE. Trading establishments furnished the largest number of failures, 93 assigning in November, 1929, as compared with 93 in October, 1929, and 71 in November, 1928. Of the 93 concerns, assigning in November, 1929, 12 were general stores, 7 grocery stores, 5 confectionery, 5 boots and shoes, 9 dry goods, 17 clothing, 5 automobile, 3 electric apparatus and 2 coal and wood.

MANUFACTURES. - Manufacturing establishments to the number of 33 assigned in November, 1929, as compared with 21 in October, 1929, and 55 in November, 1928. The 33 included 5 engaged in the manufacture of fur and leather goods, 8 in clothing, 3 in lumber and its manufactured products, and 5 in the manufacture of non-metallic minerals.

MISCELLANEOUS. - Agriculturists assigning in November, 1929, numbered 8 as compared with 19 in October, 1929, and 13 in November, 1928. Three assignments were reported in mining, 7 in construction and 3 in transportation and public utilities.



The cumulative total of commercial failures for the first eleven months of 1929 was 1,942, as compared with 1,807, 1,665 and 1,602 for the same periods of 1928, 1927 and 1926 respectively. The total failures in trade in the first eleven months of 1929 were 976, as compared with 760, 726 and 727 for the same periods 1928, 1927 and 1926. In manufactures, 400 failures in the elapsed period of 1929 may be compared with 454,390 and 346 in the same periods of the three preceding years. The defaulted liabilities for the first eleven months of 1929 were \$35,166,130, as compared with \$27,183,163, \$27,991,527 and \$28,247,574 for the same periods of the three preceding years, thus showing a considerable increase in the latest period.

## Cumulative Record of Commercial Failures in Canada, by Provinces, eleven months from January to November, 1922-1929.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	в.с.	Total
Comparative Totals for first eleven months 1929 1928 1927 1926 1925 1924 1923	-	59	54	835	687	79	79	89	60	1,942
	3	77	50	662	679	92	58	117	69	1,807
	3	62	70	591	612	89	48	123	67	1,665
	4	56	68	592	585	80	65	98	54	1,602
	4	62	56	696	661	75	71	129	65	1,819
	3	64	63	830	754	87	121	143	55	2,120
	12	145	62	1,086	902	247	260	306	146	3,166
	15	100	128	1,446	978	248	236	<b>278</b>	145	3,574

## Commercial Failures in Canada, by Branches of Business, eleven months from January to November, 1924-1929.

	Trade	Manu- fact- ures	Agri- cul- ture	Logg- ing, fish- ing	ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- port- ation & Pub. Util.	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not class- ified	Total
Comparative Totals for first eleven months 1929	760 726 727	400 454 390 346 360 297	115 99 107 123 142 182	4 31 26 24 13	10 23 24 19 12 22	57 53 59 47 48 37	18 45 32 33 20 36	52 - 158	212 243 218 207 203 120	145 87 73 76 73 199	1,942 1,807 1,665 1,602 1,819 2,120

Statistical Tables. The commercial failures in each month from January, 1925, are given by provinces in Table 1, while Table 2 furnishes statistics of commercial failures by branches of business by months from January, 1925, to November, 1929. The detailed figures of failures during November, 1929, are shown by provinces and branches of business in Table 3. The assets and liabilities of those failing during November, 1929, are shown by provinces in Table 4.

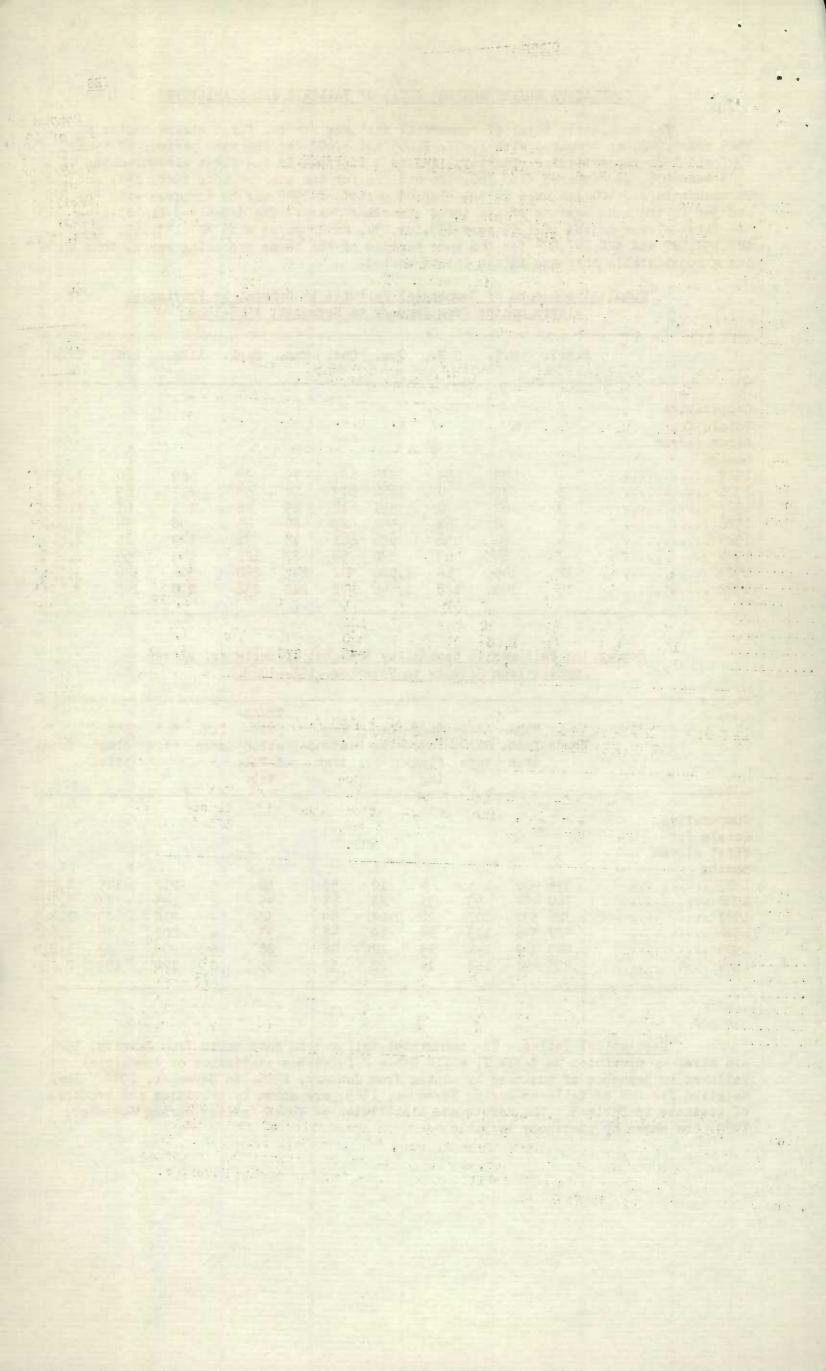


Table 1.- COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA BY PROVINCES AND MONTHS, 1926-1929, WITH ANNUAL TOTALS FOR 1922-1929.

	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	-	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total
Total 1922 -	15	121	131	1,539	1,058	58/1	272	299	156	3,925
Total 1923 -	16	155	67	1,131	970	258	280	323	158	3,408
Total 1924 -	3	69	67	907	835	1.00	131	3.50	5.7	2,319
Total 1925 -	14	71	68	758	720	85	77	139	7.1	1,995
	100			1 9	26				-	3.0%
January February	1	15 5	10	80 78	5 <sup>4</sup> 67	11	1 7	7	36	184
March	2	2	3 3	38 54	48	7	36	12	2	136
April	1	1	7	51.	115	11		.7	3	131
May	~	4	7		50	8	5 3	74		124
June	-	6	8	47 54	51	10	3	96	6	145
July August		3	2	43	5g 49	5	5	6	6	140
September			5 3 6	14	47	5 5 4	5	15	5	132
October	~	5 5 6	11	76	63	1:	6	10	5	180
November	80		6	64	53	3	11	11	56	165
December	_	7	6	62	70	14	3	15	4	171
Total 1926	74	63	74	654	655	84	68	113	53	1:773
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January February	-	5	6	65 54	72	10	1	20	10	192 143
March		5	6	57	63	5	8	12	7	164
April	1	8	3	57 48	43	7	8	8	4	130
May		4	5	7:7	58	- 6	4	1.0	5	131
June		2	4	45	60	12	3	5	6	138
July		6	7	15	47	8	7	3	9	121
August September	1	9 4	2	55 45	51	36	1 -	9 12	9 5	128
October	1	6	8	66	69	9	1.10	15	1	184
November	_	5	4	72	64	9	4	15	14	167
December	1	4	4	67_	69	8	- 6	12	5	19.0
Total 1927	4	66	74	658	631	97	54	135	72	1,231
January	1	13	7	1 9 58 68	2 8	3.1	5	20	14	197
February	1	9	3	63	69	10	פאנא	13	8	188
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August		5	3	5 <sup>4</sup> 50 66	jid	7	94	6	6	142
September	-	5	7	66	149	5	179	12	36	165
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January	-	8	12	114	108	6	8	9	4	269
February	29-7	8 5 6	14	80	75		3.3.		6	197
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April	-	7		87	55	ļi H	5	7	3 4	174
May June		2	7	32. 58	70 55	10		10		185 148
July	040	3	2	76	10	3	7 5		5	149
August	-	3 4	2	48	15	3	7	7.1	ž	137
September	-	3	2	66	57	5	7	6	5	151
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November	-	8	9	68	49	12	1.0	g	12	176

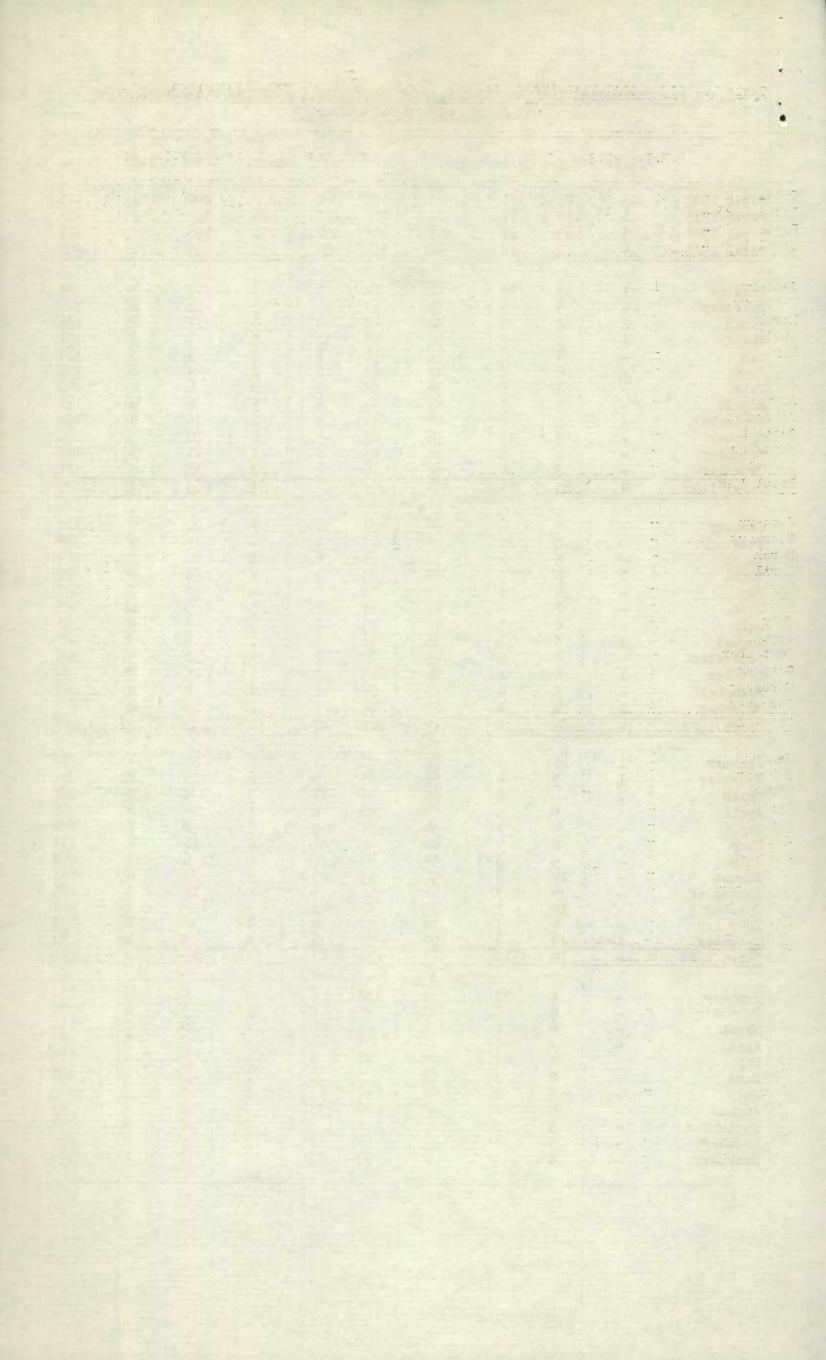
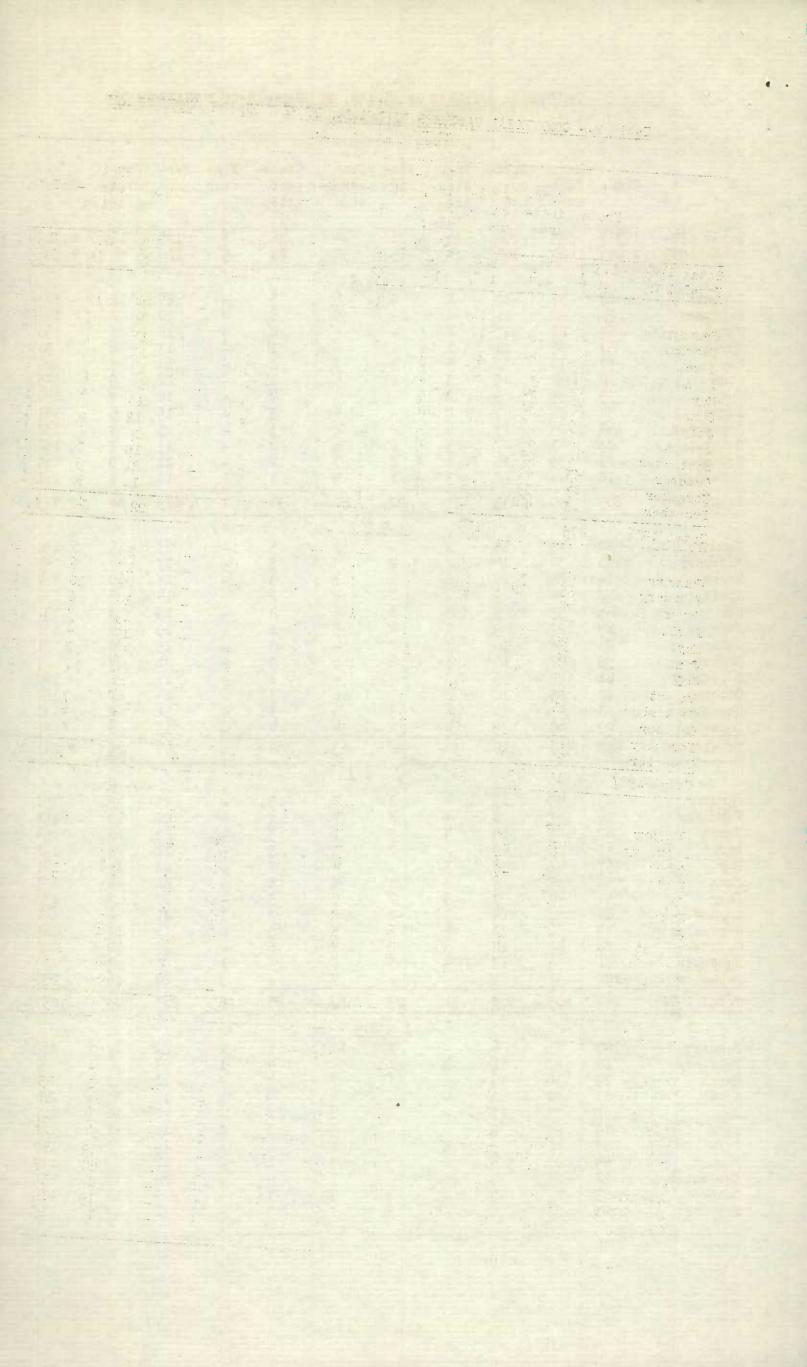
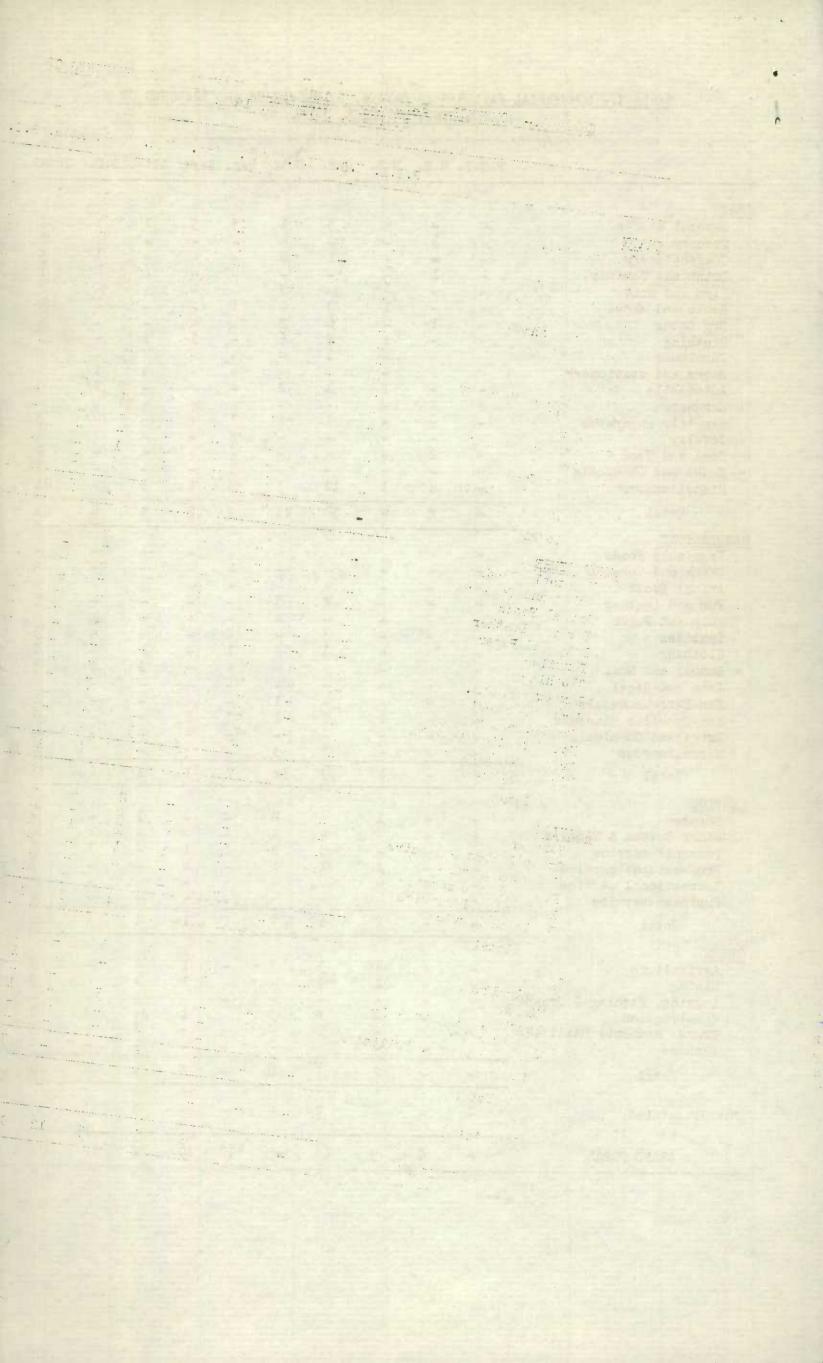


Table 2.- COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS AND MONTHS, 1926-1929.

	Trade	Manu- fact- ure	Agri- cult- ure	Logg- ing. Fish- ing, Trap.	Min- ing	Con- struc- tion	Trans- port- ation	Fin- ance	Ser- vice	Not class- ified	Total
Total 1924 Total 1925	1,317	329 403	204 158	14 14	22 15	44 50	36 21	8 5	129	216 84	2,319
January	8,4	37	13	1	19	26	5		24	12	184
February	74	20	11	***		5	5		20	g	17+7+
March April	64 57	22	17 11	2	ī	6	2	-	18	7 6	136 131
May	57	35 30	7		3	3	2		14	5 9	124
June	70	32	9	3 3 2 2	1	74	1 2	-	16	9	145
July August	59 5 <sup>4</sup>	39 25	9 7	2	000	14			19	6	121
September	48	25	17	7	4	2	3 3 6	-	25	4	132
October November	83 77	41	7	5	6 2		6	-	19	7 5	180
December	78	39 44	12	3	1	3 5	1	1	13	8	171
Total 1926	805	390	135	27	20	52	314	1	225	8,1	1,773
January	89	45	15	2	19	2 7	5		23	5	102
February	56	32	10	2	2	5	5 3 3 2	_	17	6	192
March	74	29	10	2	1	7	3	-	28	10 8	16 <sup>1</sup>
April May	58 45	3 <sup>4</sup> 39	9	14	2	6	14		19		130
June	69	27	9	1	2	5	2		19	3 4	138
July August	50	26 37	10	3	5		3 3	C+0	15 21	8	121
September	59 61	29	5	- 3	2	5	1	dent)	17	6	128
October November	82	45 47	10 10	2	5 5	6	3 3 4	-	2 <sup>4</sup>	7	18 <sup>1</sup>
December	73 92	40	9	4	5	4	4	_	15	6	176
Total 1927	818	430	116	30	26	63	36		243	79	1,841
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March	67	43	10	3	3 2	7		-	22	6	161
April	67 57	33 42	9 5 6	7	2	3	3 3 7	•	17 18	11	138 148
May June	54			3 2	2	5		_	21	6	13
July	54	40	7	3	2	5	3		20	56	139
August September	64 79	32 40 34 36 47	12	2	1	5	533354	1	21	11	16
October	88		12	3	2	56	5	-	27	10	500
November December	71	55 51	13	4	3	8 7	4	1 3	27	16	19°
Total 1928	884	505	108	31	23	70	45	5	263	103	2,03
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May	101	33 29	17	~_	-	6	1	2	12	16 12	18
June July	83	26		1		3		~	19	14	17+
August	65	27	56		3	3	1	***	22	9	13
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November	93	33	3	-	3	7	3	640	16	13	17



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Pulp and Paper	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	
Textiles	-	_		3	-	_	-	_		
Clothing	_	0-4	-	3	14	1	rest	-		
Lumber and Man.				-	-	_	-	1	2	
Iron and Steel	_	_	_		-	0.5	_		-	
Non-Ferrous Metals	-				1			_	_	
Non-Metallic Minerals			1	1	1	1	1	_	_	
Drugs and Chemicals		-		_			-	-	_	
Miscellaneous				5	3			-	_	
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# Table 4.- COMMERCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, SHOWING ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR NOVEMBER, 1929, AND FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR

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

	No. of Bankruptcies	Estimated Grand Total Assets	Estimated Grand Total Liabilities
	No.	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	-		-
Nova Scotia	8	25,720	36,349
New Brunswick	9	31,004	38,097
Quebec	68	694,662	1,200,423
Ontario	49	638,897	932,432
Manitoba	12	97,652	160,040
Sackatchewan	10	225,073	260,441
Alberta	g	21,564	43,510
British Columbia	12	59,459	103,415
Total for November, 1929	176	1,794,031	2,774,707
Total for October, 1929	176	1,805,620	2,050,232
Total for November, 1928	192	2,331,199	3,208.721
Cumulative Total for 11 months, 1929	1,942	29:277:312	35,166,130
Cumulative Total for 11 months, 1928	1,807	22,304,410	27,183,163
Cumulative Total for 11 months, 1927	1,665	21,075,672	27,991,527
Cumulative Total for 11 months, 1926	1,602	22,014,465	28,247,574
Cumulative Total for 11 months, 1925	1,819	23,764,588	26,852,645

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