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COMERCIAL FAILURES IN THE CALBNDAR YEAF 1230

The cumulative total of commercial failures in Canada i' or 1930, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics under the provisions of the Barkruptcy and Winding Up hcts, was 2,402, as compared with $2,167,2,037$ and 1,841 for 1929, 1928 and 1927 respectively. The defaulted Liabilities for 1930 were $\$ 48,164,065$ as compared with $\$ 38,747,638, \$ 32,455,437$ and $\$ 30,634,669$ for 1929,1928 and 1927. Thus defaulted liabilities showed a considerable increase from 1929, 1928 and 1927. The Maritime Provinces showed a marked decrease in number of failures in 1930, as compared with 1929, Ontario remains practically the same, while Quebec, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia show an increase.

Cumulative Record of Commercial Faijures in Canada
by Provinces, cal niar years 1922 to 1930

| Year | F.E.I. N.S. | N.E. Que. | Ont. | Nan. Sask. Alta. | B.C. Motal |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 1930 | 3 | 61 | 45 | 1,011 | 776 | 113 | 146 | 152 | 95 | 2,402 |
| 1929 | 1 | 71 | 61 | 927 | 762 | 91 | 84 | 101 | 69 | 2,167 |
| 1928 | 4 | 90 | 56 | 767 | 758 | 103 | 63 | 126 | 70 | 2,037 |
| 1927 | 4 | 66 | 74 | 658 | 681 | 97 | 54 | 135 | 72 | 1,841 |
| 1926 | 4 | 63 | 74 | 654 | 655 | 84 | 68 | 113 | 58 | 1,773 |
| 1925 | 4 | 71 | 67 | 758 | 721 | 85 | 77 | 139 | 74 | 1,996 |
| 1924 | 3 | 69 | 67 | 907 | 835 | 100 | 131 | 150 | 57 | 2,319 |
| 1923 | 16 | 155 | 67 | 1,181 | 970 | 258 | 280 | 323 | 158 | 3,408 |
| 1922 | 15 | 121 | 131 | 1,589 | 1,058 | 284 | 272 | 299 | 156 | 3,925 |

Commercial failures in trade in 1930 rumbered 1,204 as compared with 1,100 in 1929, 884 in 1928 and 818 in 1927. In manufactures, there were 488 failures in 1930, as against 443 in 1929, 505 in 1928, and 430 in 1927. Failures of agriculturists showed a decline from 125 in 1929, to 115 in 1930, and an increase when compared with 108 in 1928. More detailed infomation regarding the classes of business in which failures occurred in 1930 is given in Table 4.

Comnercial Failures in Canada, by Branches of Business, calendar yuars 1924 to 1930

| Year | Trade | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Lanu- } \\ & \text { fact- } \\ & \text { ures } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Agri- } \\ & \text { cul- } \\ & \text { ture } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Logg- } \\ & \text { ing, } \\ & \text { Fish- } \\ & \text { ing } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Min- } \\ & \text { ing } \end{aligned}$ | Con-struction | Trans-portation \& Pub. Util. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Fin- } \\ & \text { ance } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Ser- } \\ & \text { vice } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Not } \\ & \text { class- } \\ & \text { ified } \end{aligned}$ | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1930 | 1,204 | 488 | 115 | 12 | 9 | 55 | 48 | 29 | 283 | 159 | 2,402 |
| 1929 | 1,100 | 443 | 125 | 4 | 11 | 61 | 21 | 5 | 239 | 158 | 2,167 |
| 1928 | 884 | 505 | 108 | 31 | 23 | 70 | 45 | 5 | 263 | 103 | 2,037 |
| 1927 | 818 | 430 | 116 | 30 | 26 | 63 | 36 |  | 243 | 79 | 1,841 |
| 1926 | 805 | 390 | 135 | 27 | 20 | 52 | 34 | 1 | 225 | 84 | 1,773 |
| 1925 | 1,026 | 403 | 158 | 14 | 15 | 50 | 21 | 5 | 220 | 84 | 1,996 |
| 1924 | 1,317 | 329 | 204 | 14 | 22 | 44 | 36 | 5 | 129 | 216 | 2,319 |

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## COMAERCIML FALUURES. IN DECEMBER, 1930

- An increase in the number of assignments under the Bankruptcy and Winding Up - Acts, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, was recorded in December, 1930, As compared with Decermber, 1929, while the liabilitics of the assignors showed a considerable increase. Commercial failures numbered 239, as compared with 224 in the same month of the previous year, and 222 in November, 1930. The liabilities of the assignors, amounting to $\$ 4,202,599$ in Decomber, 1930, as compared with $\$ 3,295,951$ in November, 1930, indicated an increase; when compared with $\$ 3,581,338$ in December, 1929, an increase is also noted.


## COMERCIAL FAILURES BY AREAS

Maritime Provinces.- In the month under review, there were ll assignments in the Maritime Provinces, as compared with 6 in November, 1930, and 20 in December, 1929. The liabilities of the assignors in December, 1930 were approximately $\$ 124,000$.

Quebec. - In Queber, failures in December, 1930, totalled 98 as compared with 36 ir. November, 1930, and 92 in December, 1929. The liabilities in December, 1930, were approximately $\$ 2.007,000$. Of these 98 failures, 48 with liabilities of about $\$ 790,000$ took place in the city of montreal.

Ontario,- Commercial failures in Ontario ageregated 76, as compared with 65 in November, 1930, ard 74 in December, 1929. The liabilities in December, 1930, were approximately $\$ 1,192,000$. In the city of Toronto, there were 25 assignmerts with liabilities of about $\$ 577,000$.

Prairie Provinces. - In the three Prairie Provinces, failuros decreased from 55 in November, 1930, to 43 in Docember, 1930, and may be compared with 29 in December, 1929. Liabilities wore approximatsly $\$ 580,000$, principally in Manitola. There were 10 iailures in the city of Winnipag with liabilities of about $\$ 241,000$.

British Columbia.- In British Columbia, commercial failures numbored ll, as compared with 10 in November, 1930, and may be compared with 9 in December, 1929. The liabilities were about $\$ 300,000$. Of the se 11 failures, 9 took place in the city of Vancouver with liabilities of about $\$ 267,000$.

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OR BUSINESS
Trade. - Trading establishmonts furnished as usual the largest number of failures, 126 assigning in December, 1930, as compared with 101 in November, 1930, and 124 in December, 1929. Of the 126 concorns assigning in December, 1930, 18 were general stores, 11 grocery, 5 confectionery, 9 fish and meat, 11 dry goods, 16 clothing, 4 furriture, 4 hardware, 6 jewelry and 5 coal and wood.

Menufacturos.- Manufacturing establishments to the number of 47 assigned in December, 1930, as against 46 in Novomber of the same year, and 43 in December, 1929. The 47 included 7 engaged in the manuf acture of vegetable foods, 6 in $f$ ur and leather goods, 8 in clothing, 6 in lumber and its manufactured products, 3 in non-forrous metals and 2 in non-metallic minerals.

Agriculture.- Agriculturists assigning in Decembor, 1930, numbered 9 as compared with 14 in Novembor, 1930, and 10 in December, 1929.

Miscollancous. - There were 5 failures in trensportation, 6 in construction and 3 in finance.

Statistical Tables.- The commorcial failures in each month irom Jenaary, 1927 are given by provinces in Tuble 1, while Table 2 furnishod statistics of comercial failures by branches of business by months from January, 1927 to December, 1930. The detailed figures of failuros during December, 1930, are shown by provinces and branches of businoss in Table 3 and for the year in Table 4. The assets and liabilitios of those failing during Docombor, 1930, are shown by provinces in Table 5, and by provinces for the yeers 1928, 1929 and 1930 in Table 6.

Table 1.- COMTERCIAI FAILURES IM CATAUA BY PROVIVCES AND MONTHS, 1927-1930, WITH AMUAL ORAS FOR 1922-1930



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Table 4.- COMERCIAL FATIGNES IN CANADA, BY PROVIMCES AND ERANCHES OF BUSIIESS FOR THE GALENDR YEAR 1930, WITH TOTALS FOR 1929

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \hline P . E . I_{0} \\ & \text { and } \\ & \text { in. } 5 . \end{aligned}$ |  | Que. | Ont, | Man. |  | Alta. | B.C. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { for } \\ 1930 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { for } \\ & 1929 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TRADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| General Stores | 7 | - | 56 | 32 | 19 | 27 | 25 | 1 | 167 | 191 |
| Grocery | 7 | 5 | 47 | 32 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 3 | 127 | 126 |
| Confectionery | 2 | 2 | 25 | 22 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 62 | 38 |
| Drink and Tobacco | 1 | - | 14 | 3 | - | - | - | 1 | 19 | 17 |
| Fish and weat | 5 | 3 | 34 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 80 | 70 |
| Boots and Shoes | 1 | 1 | 29 | 27 |  | 6 | - | 1 | 72 | 57 |
| Dry Goods | 3 | 3 | 39 | 39 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 100 | 99 |
| Clothing | 7 | 2 | 47 | 53 | 13 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 144 | 146 |
| Furniture | - | - | 11 | 7 | - | 2 | - | 2 | 22 | 26 |
| Books and Stationery | 1 | - | 12 | 9 | - | 2 | - | 1 | 25 | 16 |
| Automobile | 1 | 1 | 16 | 17 | 3 | 2 | ? | 2 | 49 | 27 |
| Hardware | - | - | 15 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 2 | - | 37 | 37 |
| Electric Apparatus | - | - | 11 | 5 | - | 2 | - | 3 | 21 | 25 |
| Jewelry | 2 | - | 14 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 42 | 19 |
| Coal and wood | 1 | - | 22 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 39 | 38 |
| Drugs and Chemicals | 1 | - | 22 | 15 | - | 7 | 6 | 1 | 52. | 34 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 | 8 | 53 | 47 | 4 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 146 | 135 |
| Total | 42 | 25 | 46 ? | 374 | 68 | 101 | 88 | 39 | 1,204 | 1,101 |
| WANUFACTURE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vegetable Foods | - | - | 29 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 63 | 54 |
| Drink and Torsoco | - | - | 8 | 1 | - | 1 | - | 1 | 11 | 7 |
| Animal Foods | 1 | - | 11 | 8 | - | - | - | - | 20 | 16 |
| Fur and Leather | - | - | 34 | 26 | - | 1 | 5 | - | 66 | 62 |
| Fulp and Paper | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 |
| Textiles | - | - | 8 | 8 | - | 1 | - | - | 17 | 22 |
| Clothing | - | - | 53 | 41 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 107 | 100 |
| Lumber and linufactures | 2 | 1 | 29 | 17 | - | - | 3 | 5 | 56 | 41 |
| Iron and Steel | 2 | - | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | - | 3 | 10 |
| Non-ferrous Metals | - | - | 9 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 20 | 26 |
| Non-metallic Minerals | - | 1 | 12 | 11 | - | - | - | - | 24 | 22 |
| Drigs and Chemicals | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | - | 1 | 48 | 37 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 96 | 80 |
| Total | 5 | 3 | 244 | 181 | 7 | 12 | 20 | 16 | 488 | 443 |
| SERVICE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Garages | 2 | 1 | 23 | 17 | 4 | - |  | 6 | 60 | 40 |
| Other Custom and Repairs | - | 1 | 22 | 16 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 47 | 21 |
| Fersonal Service | 3 | 5 | 30 | 21 | 12 | 15 | 10 | 8 | 104 | 92 |
| Professional Service | - | - | $?$ | 4 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 13 | 26 |
| Recreational Service | - | 1 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 11 | 10 |
| Business Service | 1 | - | 27 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 43 | 50 |
| Total | 6 | 8 | 112 | 77 | 22 | 18 | 21 | 19 | 283 | 239 |
| OTHER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agriculture | 4 | 1 | 48 | 44 | 6 | 4 | 8 | - | 115 | 125 |
| Mining | - | - | 2 | 4 | - | - | - | 3 | 9 | 11 |
| Loggins, ${ }^{\text {i }}$ shing and Trap. | - | - | 7 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 | 12 | 4 |
| Construction | - | - | 28 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 55 | 61 |
| Transportation and Public Utilities | - | - | 22 | 19 | 2 | - | 5 | 1 | 48 | 21 |
| Finance | 1 | 1 | 9 | 10 | - | 2 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 5 |
| Total | 5 | 2 | 116 | 94 | 10 | 9 | 17 | 15 | 268 | 227 |
| Not Classified | 6 | 7 | 72 | 50 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 159 | 157 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 64 | 45 | , 011 | 776 | 113 | 146 | 152 | 95 | 2,402 | 2,167 |


|  | No. of Bankruptcies | Estimated Grand Total Assets | Estimated Grand Total Liabilities |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | No. | $\stackrel{\$}{\$}$ | \$ |
| Prince Edward Island | 1 | - | - |
| Nova Scotia | 5 | 72,855 | 72,671 |
| New Brunswick | 5 | 31,887 | 50,824 |
| Quebec | 98 | 1,425,248 | 2,007,268 |
| Ontario | 76 | 798,140 | 1,192,073 |
| Manitoba | 16 | 179,812 | 311,637 |
| Saskatchewan | 13 | 114,293 | 144,080 |
| Alberta | 14 | 82,746 | 123,919 |
| British Columbia | 11 | 201,650 | 300,127 |
| Total for December, 1930 | 239 | 2,906,631 | 4,202,599 |
| Total for November, 1930 | 222 | 2,967,524 | 3,295,951 |
| Total for December, 1929 | 224 | 2,786,715 | 3,581,338 |

Table 6.- COMARCIAL FAILURES IN CANADA, SHOWIMG ESTHMATED GRAMD TOTAL ASSETS AND GRAND TOTAL LIABILITIES, CAIENDAR YRARS 1925-1930, WITH TOTALS BY PROVINCES, $1928-1930$
(Prepared from the prelininary statement of affairs received from trustees.)

|  | No.of <br> Eankruptcies | Estimated <br> Grand Total <br> Assets | Cstimated <br> Grand Total <br> Liabilities |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total 1925 | 1,996 | $26,968,371$ | $\$$ |
| Total 1926 | 1,773 | $24,676,661$ | $32,153,697$ |
| Total 1927 | 1,841 | $23,197,894$ | $32,291,125$ |


| 1928 |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Prince Edward Island | 4 | 12,835 | 18,937 |
| Nova Scotia | 90 | 586,197 | 993,782 |
| New Brunswick | 56 | 436,991 | 727,842 |
| Quebec | 767 | $10,566,023$ | $12,356,450$ |
| Ontario | 758 | $10,919,099$ | $13,389,635$ |
| Manitoba | 103 | $1,357,022$ | $1,704,443$ |
| Saskatchevan | 63 | $1,199,734$ | $1,038,200$ |
| Alberta | 126 | 714,115 | $1,229,629$ |
| British Columbia | 70 | 791,446 | 996,519 |
| Total 1928 | 2,037 | $26,583,462$ | $32,455,437$ |


| Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia <br> New Brunswick <br> Quebec <br> Ontario <br> Manitoba <br> Saskatchewan <br> Alberta <br> British Columbia | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 71 \\ 61 \\ 927 \\ 762 \\ 91 \\ 84 \\ 101 \\ 69 \end{array}$ | 3,000 385,723 355,809 $11,860,837$ $12,888,717$ $2,222,238$ $1,163,724$ $1,016,939$ $2,167,040$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,703 \\ 414,500 \\ 556,354 \\ 13,002,070 \\ 16,822,000 \\ 2,630,160 \\ 1,930,564 \\ 1,458,215 \\ 1,927,072 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total 1929 | 2,167 | 32,064,027 | 38,747,638 |
| 1930 |  |  |  |
| Prince Edward Island | 3 | 10,168 | 20,360 |
| Nova Scotia | 61 | 378,274 | 639,802 |
| New Brunswick | 45 | 210,398 | 374,522 |
| Quebec | 1,012 | 12,401,957 | 15,920,704 |
| Ontario | 776 | 21,572,246 | 21,025,069 |
| Manitoba | 113 | -958,896 | 1,334,952 |
| Saskatchewan | 146 | 2,564,025 | 2,790,045 |
| Alberta | 152 | 1,438,735 | 1,835,830 |
| British Columbia | 94 | 4,513,472 | 4,222,781 |
| Total 1930 | 2,402 | 44,048,171 | 48,164,065 |

