

sense as company and guaranteed funds) increased from \$154,202,165 in 1928 to \$454,824,789 in 1951. In the former year, the total of estates, trust and agency funds administered amounted to \$1,077,953,643 and in 1951 to \$3,826,542,326.

Functions of Loan Companies.—The principal function of loan companies is the lending of funds on first-mortgage security, the money thus made available for development purposes being secured mainly by the sale of debentures to the investing public and by savings-department deposits. The extent of investments in mortgages by loan companies, federal and provincial, may be gauged by the following figures. Total assets of these companies for the years 1950 and 1951 amounted to \$280,237,893 and \$292,095,485, respectively, which amounts include mortgage loans of \$169,943,616 and \$186,508,636, respectively, with resulting percentages of mortgages to total assets of approximately 60 p.c. and 64 p.c., respectively.

Functions of Trust Companies.—Trust companies act as executors, trustees and administrators under wills or by appointment, as trustees under marriage or other settlements, as agents or attorneys in the management of the estates of the living, as guardians of minor or incapable persons, as financial agents for municipalities and companies and, where so appointed, as authorized trustees in bankruptcy. Such companies receive deposits for investment, but the investing and lending of such deposits and of actual trust funds are restricted by law.

Statistics of Loan and Trust Companies.—A summary of operations of provincial and federal loan and trust companies is given in Table 1. As a result of the nature of the operations of the latter companies, which are intimately connected with the matter of probate, the larger trust companies usually choose to operate under provincial charters, and the provincial figures represent much larger amounts than those of the federal companies.

The figures for federal loan companies include companies chartered by the Government of Nova Scotia which, by arrangement, come under inspection by the Federal Department of Insurance. The data for federal trust companies, likewise, cover companies chartered by the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba for the same reason.

1.—Operations of Provincial and Federal Loan and Trust Companies, as at Dec. 31, 1948-51

Item	1948			1949		
	Provincial Companies ¹	Federal Companies	Total	Provincial Companies ¹	Federal Companies	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan Companies—						
Assets (book values)—						
Liabilities to the public.....	78,287,490	165,261,293	243,548,783	80,207,903	179,795,977	260,003,880
Capital Stock—						
Authorized.....	48,775,726	130,573,614	179,349,340	51,546,444	144,414,068	195,960,512
Subscribed.....	29,139,345	56,000,000	85,139,345	26,138,345	56,000,000	82,138,345
Paid-up.....	17,319,552	21,413,900	38,733,452	16,500,861	21,340,200	37,841,061
Reserve and contingency funds.....	15,517,508	17,980,206	33,497,714	14,106,858	18,043,255	32,150,113
Other liabilities to shareholders.....	10,377,070	15,114,978	25,492,048	10,172,049	16,344,790	26,516,839
Total liabilities to shareholders.....	3,617,186	1,448,342	5,065,528	4,382,552	993,863	5,376,415
Net profits realized during year.....	29,511,764	34,543,526	64,055,290	28,661,459	35,381,908	64,043,367
	1,380,885	1,085,186	3,066,071	1,316,827	1,704,111	3,020,938

¹For footnote, see end of table, p. 1124.