20.—Guaranteed Debt of the Government of Canada—Amounts Held by the Public as at Mar. 31, 1957

Note.—These contingent liabilities are expressed in Canadian dollars; stocks and bonds payable solely in Sterling are converted on the basis of £1=\$2.80, and United States dollars are considered at par with the Canadian dollar.

Item	Amount of Guarantee Authorized	Amount Held by Public at Mar. 31, 1957
	\$	\$
Railway Securities Guaranteed as to Principal and Interest-		
Canadian National Ry. Co. 4½ p.c. gold bonds due 1957. Canadian Northern Ry. Co. 3½ p.c. debenture stock due 1958, £1,622,586/19/9 Canadian National Ry. Co. 3 p.c. bonds due 1959 Canadian Northern Alberta Ry. Co. 3½ p.c. debenture stock due 1960,	65,000,000 7,896,590 35,000,000	64,136,000 5,500,208 35,000,000
£647,260/5/6. Canadian Northern Ontario Ry. Co. 3½ p.c. debenture stock due 1961.	3,150,000	316,856
£7,350,000/0/0. Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. 3 p.c. bonds due 1962, £14,000,000/0/0. Canadian Northern Alberta Ry. Co. 34 p.c. debenture stock due 1962,	35.770,000 68,040,000	2,069,805 26,465,130
£733,561/12/10 Grand Trunk Pacific Ry. Co. 4 p.c. bonds due 1962, £3,280,000/0/0. Canadian National Ry. Co. 21 p.c. bonds due 1963.	3,570,000 15,940,800 250,000,000	7,999,074 250,000,000
Canadian National Ry. Co. 3 p.c. bonds due 1966. Canadian National Ry. Co. 23 p.c. bonds due 1967. Canadian National Ry. Co. 24 p.c. bonds due 1969.	35,000,000 50.000,000 70,000,000	35,000 000 50,000,000 70,000,000
Canadian National Ry. Co. 24 p.c. bonds due 1971. Canadian National Ry. Co. 31 p.c. bonds due 1974. Canadian National Ry. Co. 22 p.c. bonds due 1975.	40,000,000 200,000,000 6,000,000	40,000,000 200,000,000 6,000,000
Railway Securities Guaranteed as to Interest Only— Grand Trunk 5 p.c. perpetual debenture stock, £4,270,375/0/0	20,782,492 119,839,014	51,190 5,166
Other Guarantees— Province of Manitoba Treasury Bill	250,000	250,000
Deposits maintained by chartered banks in Bank of Canada Loans made by approved lending institutions under National Housing Acts	Unstated	519,458,503
prior to 1954 Act	Unstated	Indeterminate
home extensions and improvements	10,000,000 Unstated	2,815,0001 Indeterminate
Insured loans made by approved lenders under the National Housing Act 1954	4,000,000,000	1,083,000,000 ² 61,011 947
Guarantees under Export Credits Insurance Act Part I. Guarantees under Export Credits Insurance Act Part II.	12,750.000 58,952,089	5,100,000 35,309,765
Loans made by chartered banks under the Farm Improvement Loans Act Loans made by chartered banks under the Veterans Business and Professional		986,105
Loans Act Loans made by chartered banks under the Fisheries Improvement Loans Act	Indeterminate Indeterminate	50,279
Loans made by chartered banks under the Prairie Grain Producers' Interim Financing Act 1951 Loans made by chartered banks under the Prairie Grain Producers' Interim	5,000,000	238
Loans made by chartered banks under the France Grain Froducers interim Financing Act 1956. Loans made by chartered banks to Canadian Wheat Board	Indeterminate 150,000,000	465,594 64,437,942

¹ As at Dec. 31, 1956. ² As reported, in accordance with Sect. 45 National Housing Loans Regulations, by approved lenders for their respective fiscal year-ends between Oct. 31 and Dec. 31, 1956.

Section 3.—Provincial Public Finance

Provincial government accounting and reporting practices vary considerably so that certain adjustments to the *Public Accounts* figures are required in order to produce comparable statistics. For example, transactions relating to a specific function are sometimes excluded from ordinary account; therefore special or administrative funds of this nature have been added to provincial ordinary account in the tables of this Section.

Fiscal periods are as nearly coincident as possible in view of the variations in provincial fiscal year-ends prior to the 1951 fiscal year; as of 1952 the fiscal years of all provinces end on Mar. 31. Figures for Newfoundland are included from 1949, for Yukon Territory from 1950, and for the Northwest Territories from 1955.