respectively, which amounts include mortgage loans of \$331,433,425 and \$420,635,499, respectively; thus, the resulting percentages of mortgages to total assets for those years were approximately 76 p.c. and 77 p.c., respectively. The data for 1957 includes for the first time the figures of one loan company incorporated under the laws of Quebec (the capital stock of which has been issued largely outside of Canada but whose debentures for the greater part are now held in Canada) having, as at Dec. 31, 1957, assets of \$80,419,250 including mortgage loans amounting to \$69,677,253, and liabilities to the public of \$48.480.797.

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, as transfer agents and registrars for stocks and bond issues, as trustees for bond issues 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 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, 1956 and 1957

Item	1956			1957		
	Provincial Companies	Federal Companies	Total	Provincial Companies ¹	Federal Companies	Total
T C	S	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Loan Companies— Assets (book values) Liabilities to the public Capital Stock—	140,453,366 105,577,295					
Authorized	27,350,150 15,430,343 10,929,428	16,440,600	31,870,943	25,960,670	18,058,461	44,019,13
Reserve and contingency funds Other liabilities to shareholders Total liabilities to shareholders	18,149,014 5,797,629 34,876,071	19,271,324 1,178,155	37,420,338 6,975,784	38,896,098 8,206,581	20,527,887 1,207,196	59,423,985 9,413,777
Net profits realized during year ²	3,044,336	5,022,098	8,066,434	3,416,636	3,298,072	6,714,708
Trust Companies— Assets (book values)— Company funds	91,554,381 446,448,674	36,690,878 170,344,746				
Totals, Assets	800 00 90000	1 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10				
Estates, trust, and agency funds	4,318,560,879	815,367,349	5,183,928,228	4,695,817,867	886,560,559	5,582,378,426
Capital Stock— Authorized. Subscribed. Paid up. Reserve and contingency funds. Unappropriated surpluses. Net profits realized during year ² .	56, 523,000 31,486,930 30,901,805 36,661,034 8,041,408 8,407,298	33,000,000 17,674,130 17,327,010 11,911,366 2,414,427 3,654,719	49,161,060 48,228,815 48,572,400 10,455,835	32,148,510 31,600,360 39,320,428 8,398,518	36,000,000 18,676,680 18,332,563 13,099,813 2,653,073 2,331,711	50,825,190 49,932,923 52,420,241 11,051,591

¹ Includes, for the first time, one loan company incorporated under the laws of Quebec (see text above).

² Net profits before taxes.

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