

4.—Estates, Trust and Agency Funds of Trust Companies, Chartered by or Supervised by the Federal Government and by Provincial Governments, as at Dec. 31, 1948-57

Year	Federal Companies ¹	Provincial Companies ²	Total	Year	Federal Companies ¹	Provincial Companies ²	Total
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
1948.....	520,860,737	2,791,584,378	3,312,445,115	1953.....	631,231,540	3,470,781,614	4,102,013,154
1949.....	560,080,611	2,827,988,797	3,388,069,408	1954.....	663,520,956	3,734,874,516	4,398,395,472
1950.....	494,636,746	3,126,058,749	3,620,695,495	1955.....	734,670,479	3,985,662,299	4,720,332,778
1951.....	543,983,754	3,282,558,573	3,826,542,327	1956.....	815,367,349	4,318,560,879	5,133,928,228
1952.....	588,550,279	3,383,650,088	3,972,200,367	1957.....	886,560,559	4,695,817,867	5,582,378,426

¹ Includes companies chartered by the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba which, by arrangement, are inspected by the federal Department of Insurance. ² Excludes provincial companies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba which are included in federal companies.

Section 2.—Licensed Small Loans Companies and Licensed Money-Lenders*

Licensed small loans companies and licensed money-lenders are subject to the provisions of the Small Loans Act (R.S.C. 1952, c. 251) as amended by c. 46 of the Statutes of 1956, an enactment of the Parliament of Canada regulating personal loans not in excess of \$1,500 made on the security of promissory notes of borrowers. Most of these notes are additionally secured by endorsements or chattel mortgages. The Act permits, in the case of licensed lenders, maximum rates of cost of loan, including charges of every kind, of 2 p.c. per month on that portion of the unpaid balance of a loan not exceeding \$300, 1 p.c. per month on that portion of the balance exceeding \$300 but not exceeding \$1,000, and one-half of 1 p.c. per month on any remainder of the balance exceeding \$1,000. The maximum rate permitted to be charged by an unlicensed lender is 1 p.c. per month. Prior to Jan. 1, 1957, the scope of the Act extended only to loans of \$500 and under and the maximum rate permitted to be charged by licensed lenders was 2 p.c. per month and by unlicensed lenders 12 p.c. per annum. The small loans companies—four in number—were incorporated by special Acts of the Parliament of Canada, the first such company commencing business in 1928. Money-lenders, of which there are 75, are made up of companies otherwise incorporated and include a few partnerships and individuals. Table 5 gives the combined financial experience of small loans companies and licensed money-lenders for the years 1954-57.

* Further details are given in the Department of Insurance report *Small Loans Companies and Money-Lenders* for the year ended Dec. 31, 1957.

5.—Assets and Liabilities of Small Loans Companies and Money-Lenders, 1954-57

Assets and Liabilities	1954	1955	1956	1957 ¹
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets	172,173,681	208,517,770	262,386,415	326,549,959
Small loan balances.....	88,822,891	88,844,506	88,428,203	229,199,629
Balances, large loans and other contracts.....	75,824,672	109,530,841	160,743,235	86,534,064
Cash.....	3,955,094	4,975,980	6,308,752	5,287,550
Other.....	3,571,024	5,166,443	6,906,225	5,528,716
Liabilities	172,173,681	208,517,770	262,386,415	326,549,959
Borrowed money.....	122,688,252	149,688,502	191,697,344	258,184,531
Reserves for losses.....	4,263,653	5,028,544	5,607,582	6,766,856
Paid-up capital.....	10,383,509	12,264,662	13,978,275	14,992,722
Surplus paid in by shareholders.....	11,587,820	11,578,629	12,078,629	12,478,629
Other.....	23,250,447	29,957,433	39,024,585	34,127,221

¹ Commencing Jan. 1, 1957, the Small Loans Act became applicable to loans of \$1,500 and under made on and after that date (see text above).