

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, 1949-58

Year	Federal Companies ¹	Provincial Companies ²	Total	Year	Federal Companies ¹	Provincial Companies ²	Total
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
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
1953	631,231,540	3,470,781,614	4,102,013,154	1958	990,078,160	5,328,920,074	6,318,998,234

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 (RSC 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 76, 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 1955-58.

* Further details are given in the Department of Insurance report *Small Loans Companies and Money-Lenders* for the year ended Dec. 31, 1958.

5.—Assets and Liabilities of Small Loans Companies and Money-Lenders, 1955-58

Assets and Liabilities	1955	1956	1957 ¹	1958 ¹
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Assets	208,517,770	262,386,415	326,549,959	408,581,861
Small loan balances	88,844,506	88,428,203	229,199,629	315,827,669
Balances, large loans and other contracts	109,530,841	160,743,235	86,534,064	81,597,731
Cash	4,975,980	6,308,752	5,287,550	5,334,230
Other	5,166,443	6,906,225	5,228,716	5,822,231
Liabilities	208,517,770	262,386,415	326,549,959	408,581,861
Borrowed money	149,688,502	191,697,344	258,184,531	326,274,370
Reserves for losses	5,028,544	5,607,532	6,766,856	8,454,003
Paid-up capital	12,264,662	13,978,275	14,992,722	26,620,278
Surplus paid in by shareholders	11,578,629	12,078,629	12,478,629	9,478,379
Earned surplus	17,814,639	12,497,185	18,184,528	17,877,114
Other	12,142,794	26,527,400	15,942,693	19,880,717

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