

**Electric Light and Power.**—Electric light and power companies are subject to registration and inspection under the Electricity Inspection Act, 1907 (6-7 Edw. VII, c. 14), and the production of electrical energy for export is regulated by the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act, 1907 (6-7 Edw. VII, c. 16). Both Acts were administered by the Department of Inland Revenue until Sept. 1, 1918, when, by Order in Council of June 3, 1918, their administration was transferred to the Department of Trade and Commerce. (See cc. 54 and 55, R.S.C., 1927.)

Electrical energy produced for export increased from 538,331,425 kilowatt hours in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1911 to 1,674,856,007 kilowatt hours in 1928, but declined slightly to 1,604,212,276 kilowatt hours in the fiscal year 1929, while exports in the calendar year 1929 declined further to 1,444,208,440 kilowatt hours. Figures by companies for the last four fiscal years are given in Table 7.

**7.—Electrical Energy Generated or Produced for Export under authority of the Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act during the fiscal years ended March 31, 1926-1929.**

Companies.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
	k.w. hours.	k.w. hours.	k.w. hours.	k.w. hours.
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.....	578,271,500	842,098,700	815,324,200	797,626,900
Canadian Niagara Power Co., Niagara Falls, Ont....	325,668,198	349,174,682	419,134,522	328,903,966
Ontario and Minnesota Power Co., Fort Frances, Ont.	16,069,300	11,180,300	15,544,100	17,264,700
Maine and New Brunswick Electric Power Co., Ltd., Aroostook Falls, N.B.....	6,707,948	8,874,970	9,025,832	10,164,151
British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., Vancouver, B.C..	672,531	779,422	900,994	807,572
Western Power Co. of Canada, Vancouver, B.C.....	54,636,692	5,474,900	752,449	611,365
Southern Canada Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que.....	127,204	238,265	747,457	610,608
Cedars Rapids Mfg. and Power Co., Cedars Rapids, Que.....	375,934,000	389,411,705	411,764,072	443,604,762
West Kootenay Power and Light Co., Ltd., Rossland, B.C.....	618,800	597,800	559,000	551,100
La Compagnie d'Éclairage de Napierville, Napierville, Que.....	102,970	—	—	—
International Electric Co., Ltd., Stewart, B.C.....	105,912	44,716	97,799	69,330
Maritime Electric Co., Ltd., St. Stephen, N.B.....	428,703	558,614	597,982	765,522
Fraser Companies, Ltd.....	—	223,000	407,600	3,232,300
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,359,343,753</b>	<b>1,608,657,074</b>	<b>1,674,856,007</b>	<b>1,604,212,276</b>

**Section 3.—Public Ownership of Hydro-Electric Power.**

When, in the early years of the twentieth century, it became evident that the development of hydro-electric power would become a "key industry" in Canada, more especially in its coal-less central provinces of Ontario and Quebec, a strong movement arose in favour of conserving the water powers of the country for the public benefit instead of allowing them to pass into the hands of private corporations. This "public ownership" movement developed especial strength in Ontario and finally led to the establishment of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission, the operating statistics of which are given below. In more recent years, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Saskatchewan have established Hydro-Electric Commissions on the model of the Ontario system. In Quebec and British Columbia, on the other hand, the development of hydro-electric power has been left in the hands of private corporations.

**Subsection 1.—The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.**

The publicly-owned hydro-electrical undertaking of Ontario—known in the province as the "Hydro"—is an organization of a large number of partner muni-