

During the summer of 1930 the Commission consummated a contract with the town of Dauphin for a supply of power for the Gilbert Plains-Grandview area. A high tension wood pole line has been completed, distribution systems installed in Gilbert Plains and Grandview, which towns are now taking power from the Commission.

A contract has also been entered into with the Winnipeg Electric Company whereby power is supplied for the Winnipeg Beach-Gimli-Teulon area, extensions to which have been completed. These towns are now being supplied with power by the Commission.

The Commission owns and has operated the Diesel and small water-power plant at Minnedosa since 1921. A wood pole line from the sub-station at Brandon has been completed and the Minnedosa area is now being supplied from the main system.

On December 31, 1930, the Government purchased the Canada Gas and Electric Company's holdings in the city of Brandon, so that in addition to supplying this city with electricity, the Commission will also supply steam heat and gas service.

It is the intention of the Commission to supply all power areas from the main system just as soon as their loads are sufficient to justify the cost of building an extension.

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Power Commission was established upon the passage of the Power Commission Act, 1929, which authorizes the Commission to manufacture, sell and supply electrical energy, to acquire and develop water-power sites, to acquire or construct steam and oil plants, to construct transmission lines, to purchase power and to enter into contracts with municipalities for the supply of energy. The Commission is further given certain control and regulatory powers in connection with the operation of electric public utilities in the province, and is charged with the responsibility for the administration of the Electrical Licensing Act, 1929, providing for the adoption of a standard electrical code and for the licensing of supply houses, electrical contractors, journeymen and electricians.

The Commission first acquired the steam-generating municipal plant of the city of Saskatoon and enlarged it by the construction of a new 10,000 k.w. steam plant. During the year 1929, it also acquired plants at Humboldt and Rosthern, and installed a plant at Shellbrook; acquired plants at Wynyard, Elfros and Wadena, enlarged the Wynyard plant and built a transmission line connecting Wynyard with Elfros and Wadena; acquired plants at Leader and Prelate, installed a larger plant at Leader, and built a transmission line connecting Leader with Sceptre.

During the year 1930 an extensive program has been carried out by the Commission.

The steam generating municipal plants in the cities of North Battleford and Swift Current were acquired and enlarged or improved. In these cities, as in the city of Saskatoon, the Commission supplies power in bulk at cost to the city authorities, who operate the distribution systems and retail power to consumers.