

Other related statistics collected in the administration of the last-named Act will be found on p. 389, in the Water Power chapter of the Year Book. Here, however, are given statistics, also collected by the Branch in the process of administration, showing a phenomenal increase in the number of consumers of electricity in the past 17 years, from 505,597 to 1,704,197 (Table 26); the lesser increase in the gas meters in use from 267,454 in 1916 to 668,767 in 1932 (Table 27); and the number of cubic feet of gas sold in Canada from 1920 to 1932, classified as carburetted water gas, coal gas, coke oven gas, natural gas, acetylene gas and butane (Table 28).

26.—Number of Electricity Meters in Use, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1915-32.

Fiscal Year.	Number.	Fiscal Year.	Number.
1915.....	505,597	1924.....	1,094,639
1916.....	517,629	1925.....	1,165,664
1917.....	594,737	1926.....	1,240,752
1918.....	661,403	1927.....	1,314,428
1919.....	717,776	1928.....	1,412,521
1920.....	743,468	1929.....	1,499,872
1921.....	860,379	1930.....	1,582,505
1922.....	945,599	1931.....	1,658,922
1923.....	1,046,831	1932.....	1,704,197

27.—Number of Gas Meters in Use, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1916-32.

Fiscal Year.	Manufactured Gas.	Natural Gas.	Acetylene Gas.	Butane.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1916.....	199,514	67,940	—	—	267,454
1917.....	314,915	55,697	—	—	370,612
1918.....	325,244	88,795	—	—	414,039
1919.....	336,388	91,056	—	—	427,444
1920.....	350,777	85,004	513	—	436,294
1921.....	361,479	98,494	577	—	460,550
1922.....	366,840	101,785	430	—	469,055
1923.....	379,459	102,007	438	—	481,904
1924.....	390,548	105,804	425	—	496,777
1925.....	408,471	106,861	404	—	512,736
1926.....	443,087	85,752	425	—	529,244
1927.....	462,496	90,302	358	—	553,156
1928.....	482,076	98,915	357	—	581,948
1929.....	504,590	107,504	116	—	612,120
1930.....	520,788	118,390	117	—	639,295
1931.....	530,909	125,550	67	205	656,731
1932.....	540,277	128,194	66	230	668,767

28.—Number of Cubic Feet of Gas Sold in Canada, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1920-32.

Fiscal Year.	Carburetted Water Gas.	Coal Gas.	Coke Oven Gas.	Natural Gas.	Acetylene Gas.	Butane.	Total.
	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.	cu. ft.
1920.....	4,487,511,639	6,787,370,045	—	17,117,100,328	1,639,650	—	28,393,651,662
1921.....	5,331,442,415	7,096,221,745	—	—	—	—	12,427,664,160
1922.....	4,668,391,857	8,433,860,908	—	11,289,592,401	1,005,000	—	24,397,850,161
1923.....	6,632,961,609	7,637,113,997	132,000	12,238,836,883	1,165,395	—	26,510,267,984
1924.....	5,214,843,290	8,042,882,100	3,188,600	14,866,618,700	1,194,059	—	28,128,726,149
1925.....	5,254,802,700	7,824,192,540	91,628,300	10,525,604,563	1,266,109	—	23,697,494,212
1926.....	4,935,613,326	8,149,894,391	1,449,794,500	13,004,469,776	1,210,894	—	27,440,982,987
1927.....	5,804,503,468	8,405,556,326	1,019,978,000	17,893,365,700	1,247,108	—	33,124,650,905
1928.....	6,883,634,603	7,488,964,653	1,680,237,100	20,365,048,768	1,325,510	—	36,419,210,634
1929.....	4,550,828,605	6,273,274,533	6,097,920,366	25,491,446,000	647,168	—	42,414,116,967
1930.....	4,456,996,628	5,802,653,503	8,153,478,000	31,890,844,600	847,230	—	50,294,814,161
1931.....	4,214,554,234	6,249,189,852	7,782,048,911	28,534,604,089	875,080	9,137,000	46,800,407,146
1932.....	4,267,073,950	6,385,621,906	7,235,463,396	27,244,803,100	789,730	6,600,180	45,140,852,262