

**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 Mar. 31, 1911, to 1,749,539,778 kilowatt hours in 1931 and to 1,317,224,965 kilowatt hours in 1935. Such power produced in 1935 showed an increase of nearly 10 p.c. compared with 1934 and was only 24.7 p.c. below the 1931 figure. Figures by companies for the latest 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, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1932-35.**

Company.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.
	k.w. hours.	k.w. hours.	k.w. hours.	k.w. hours.
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.....	395,413,700	350,001,000	507,601,200	570,966,900
Canadian Niagara Power Co., Niagara Falls, Ont.....	253,816,000	79,166,700	265,715,600	374,564,600
Ontario and Minnesota Power Co., Fort Frances, Ont..	10,014,700	14,692,650	15,243,950	13,636,800
Maine and New Brunswick Electric Power Co., Ltd., Aroostook Falls, N.B.....	12,552,505	11,823,907	12,073,106	13,420,086
British Columbia Electric Ry. Co., Vancouver, B.C..	146,606	165,355	172,123	181,862
Western Power Co. of Canada, Vancouver, B.C.....	5,951	—	2,800	13,468
Southern Canada Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que.....	436,180	420,643	377,769	368,448
Cedars Rapids Mfg. and Power Co., Cedars Rapids, Que.....	326,106,398	187,339,002	390,421,891	337,003,128
Maritime Electric Co., Ltd., St. Stephen, N.B.....	318,850	263,640	678,420	841,440
Fraser Companies, Ltd.....	8,218,900	7,527,400	6,238,500	5,694,700
Northport Power and Light Co., Northport, Wash., U.S.A. <sup>1</sup> .....	271,490	253,008	234,618	248,583
Northern British Columbia Power Co., Prince Rupert, B.C.....	59,760	46,600	42,370	39,750
International Railway Co., Niagara Falls, Ont.....	553,418	98,121	—	—
Detroit and Windsor Subway Co.....	484,500	354,800	225,100	245,200
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>1,008,398,958</b>	<b>652,152,826</b>	<b>1,199,027,447</b>	<b>1,317,224,965</b>

<sup>1</sup> Purchases from West Kootenay Power and Light Co., Ltd., Rossland, B.C.

### 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 in Subsection 1. More recently, 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.