

tion, showing a phenomenal increase in the number of consumers of electricity in the past 20 years, from 517,629 to 1,760,262 (Table 27); a lesser increase in the gas meters in use from 267,454 in 1916 to 658,363 in 1935 (Table 28); and the number of cubic feet of gas sold in Canada from 1920 to 1935 classified as carburetted water gas, coal gas, coke oven gas, natural gas, acetylene gas and butane (Table 29).

27.—Numbers of Electricity Meters in Use, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1915-35.

Fiscal Year.	Number.	Fiscal Year.	Number.	Fiscal Year.	Number.
1915.....	505,597	1922.....	945,599	1929.....	1,499,872
1916.....	517,629	1923.....	1,046,831	1930.....	1,532,505
1917.....	594,737	1924.....	1,094,639	1931.....	1,653,922
1918.....	661,403	1925.....	1,165,664	1932.....	1,704,197
1919.....	717,776	1926.....	1,240,752	1933.....	1,722,697
1920.....	743,468	1927.....	1,314,428	1934.....	1,720,997
1921.....	860,379	1928.....	1,412,521	1935.....	1,760,262

28.—Numbers of Gas Meters in Use, by Kinds of Gas Consumed, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1916-35.

Fiscal Year.	Manu- factured Gas.	Natural Gas.	Acety- lene Gas.	Butane.	Total.	Fiscal Year.	Manu- factured Gas.	Natural Gas.	Acety- lene Gas.	Butane.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1916....	199,514	67,940	-	-	267,454	1926...	443,067	85,752	425	-	529,244
1917....	314,915	55,697	-	-	370,612	1927...	462,496	90,302	358	-	553,156
1918....	325,244	88,795	-	-	414,039	1928...	482,076	98,915	357	-	581,348
1919....	336,388	91,056	-	-	427,444	1929...	504,500	107,504	116	-	612,120
1920....	350,777	85,004	513	-	436,294	1930...	520,788	118,390	117	-	639,295
1921....	361,479	98,494	577	-	460,550	1931...	530,909	125,550	67	205	656,731
1922....	366,840	101,785	430	-	469,055	1932...	540,277	128,194	66	230	668,767
1923....	379,459	102,007	438	-	481,904	1933...	532,139	128,282	80	285	660,786
1924....	390,548	105,804	425	-	496,777	1934...	522,484	134,710	49	369	657,612
1925....	405,471	106,861	404	-	512,736	1935...	517,948	139,763	14	638	658,363

29.—Quantity of each Kind of Gas Sold in Canada, fiscal years ended Mar. 31, 1920-35.

Fiscal Year.	Carburetted Water Gas.	Coal Gas.	Coke Oven Gas.	Natural Gas.	Acetylene Gas.	Butane.	Total.
	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu.ft.	M cu. ft.
1920.....	4,487,512	6,787,370	-	17,117,100	1,670	-	28,393,652
1921.....	5,331,442	7,096,222	-	-	-	-	-
1922.....	4,668,392	8,433,861	-	11,289,592	1,005	-	24,392,850
1923.....	6,632,962	7,637,114	132	12,238,837	1,165	-	26,510,210
1924.....	5,214,843	8,042,882	3,189	14,866,619	1,194	-	28,128,727
1925.....	5,254,803	7,824,193	91,628	10,525,604	1,266	-	23,697,494
1926.....	4,835,613	8,149,894	1,449,795	13,004,470	1,211	-	27,440,983
1927.....	5,804,504	8,405,556	1,049,978	17,863,366	1,247	-	33,124,651
1928.....	6,883,635	7,488,965	1,680,237	20,365,049	1,325	-	36,419,211
1929.....	4,550,829	6,273,275	6,097,920	25,491,446	647	-	42,414,117
1930.....	4,456,997	5,802,653	8,153,473	31,880,845	847	-	50,294,815
1931.....	4,214,554	6,249,190	7,792,047	28,534,604	875	9,137	46,800,407
1932.....	4,267,074	6,385,622	7,235,463	27,244,803	790	6,600	45,140,352
1933.....	3,821,680	7,491,005	5,908,231	27,342,696	4,982	11,930	44,580,524
1934.....	3,349,893	7,652,344	5,331,047	26,423,633	4,737	13,268	42,774,922
1935.....	2,256,568	8,378,714	6,267,577	25,051,664	5,729	12,576	41,972,828