

**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 1,448,412,230 kilowatt hours in 1936. Such power produced in 1936 showed an increase of nearly 10 p.c. compared with 1934 and was only 20.8 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, 1933-36.**

Company.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
	K.W.H.	K.W.H.	K.W.H.	K.W.H.
Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.....	350,001,000	507,601,200	570,966,900	568,819,100
Canadian Niagara Power Co., Niagara Falls, Ont.....	79,166,700	255,715,600	374,564,600	366,612,000
Ontario and Minnesota Power Co., Fort Frances, Ont	14,692,650	15,243,950	13,636,800	16,861,100
Maine and New Brunswick Electric Power Co., Ltd., Aroostook Falls, N.B.....	11,823,907	12,073,106	13,420,086	13,800,755
British Columbia Electric Rly. Co., Vancouver, B.C	165,355	172,123	181,862	205,684
Western Power Co. of Canada, Vancouver, B.C.....	—	2,800	13,468	22,238
Southern Canada Power Co., Sherbrooke, Que.....	420,643	377,769	368,448	393,520
Cedars Rapids Mfg. and Power Co., Cedars Rapids, Que.....	187,339,002	390,421,891	337,003,128	475,106,783
Maritime Electric Co., Ltd., St. Stephen, N.B.....	263,640	678,420	841,440	1,326,740
Fraser Companies, Ltd.....	7,527,400	6,238,500	5,694,700	4,668,790
Northport Power and Light Co., Northport, Wash., U.S.A. <sup>1</sup> .....	253,008	234,618	248,583	300,800
Northern British Columbia Power Co., Prince Rupert, B.C.....	46,600	42,370	39,750	40,620
International Railway Co., Niagara Falls, Ont.....	98,121	—	—	—
Detroit and Windsor Subway Co.....	354,800	225,100	245,200	254,100
<b>Totals</b> .....	<b>652,152,826</b>	<b>1,199,027,447</b>	<b>1,317,224,965</b>	<b>1,448,412,230</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.