

ment for the production, transmission, delivery, or furnishing of heat, light, or power. It has no control over any municipal corporation that owns its own power plant, unless the municipality passes a by-law bringing it under the Act.

The Board has power to hold investigations upon complaint that rates are unfair made either by a municipality or a public utility, and may fix just and reasonable rates according to the evidence disclosed. There are only two major companies operating in this Province: the Calgary Power Company Limited and Canadian Utilities Limited. There are a large number of smaller companies serving various towns and villages and a number of municipalities operating their own plants.

British Columbia.—Public ownership of hydro-electric power in the Province of British Columbia is confined to municipal organizations and commercial enterprise, no power commission similar to those in operation in other provinces having been established.

The Public Utility Commission, created under the provisions of an Act of the Legislature in 1938, regulates the rates that are charged by the privately owned utilities but not those owned by municipal incorporations.

Subsection 3.—Private Ownership of Central Electric Stations.

Of the total amount of electricity generated in Canada by central electric stations, privately owned or commercial stations generated 19,488,323,000 kwh. or 74.5 p.c. in 1938. In 1929 the amount generated by these stations was 71.0 p.c. of the total. In the same period, horse-power installation increased by 44.4 p.c. and output of electric energy by 52.6 p.c.

16.—Privately Owned Central Electric Stations in Canada, 1929-38.

Year.	Power Plants.	Customers.	Electric Energy Generated.	Power Equipment.	
				Water Wheels and Turbines.	Total.
	No.	No.	'000 kwh.	h.p.	h.p.
1929.....	420	733,698	12,774,107	3,444,533	3,671,255
1930.....	421	745,608	12,937,014	3,690,095	3,914,474
1931.....	396	756,285	12,191,139	3,916,720	4,171,305
1932.....	402	776,400	12,338,216	4,426,235	4,704,523
1933.....	403	776,581	13,665,974	4,563,973	4,842,686
1934.....	402	760,462	16,060,883	4,817,600	5,097,613
1935.....	397	779,400	17,767,949	4,992,805	5,274,174
1936.....	390	802,676	18,515,225	4,866,471	5,146,863
1937.....	389	833,711	20,315,627	5,047,253	5,336,811
1938.....	406	859,506	19,488,323	5,142,432	5,300,183

The predominant position of Quebec in the electric-power field can be seen from the column in Table 17 showing electric energy generated. Of the total power generated in Canada by central electric stations 52.2 p.c. was generated by privately owned or commercial stations in the Province of Quebec. Practically all of this amount was hydro-power and Quebec generated 70 p.c. of the total hydro-power generated by central electric stations, demonstrating the tremendous influence that the water-power resources of this Province exert on the industry in Canada. In