

From 1912 to 1925, storage reservoirs were built or acquired and operated by the Commission, charges being made to benefiting companies to cover interest and amortization on the capital invested as well as the cost of operation. Since 1925, companies or persons have availed themselves of the latitude given them by R.S.Q., 1925, c. 46, s. 6, to build the necessary dams. Such storages have been transferred to and are operated by the Commission, the cost of operation only being charged annually to the interested companies or persons.

There were 28 storage reservoirs in 1944, which have been built and are controlled by the Commission in Quebec. Among the rivers controlled by the Commission either by means of dams on the rivers themselves or by controlling the outflow of lakes at their headwaters, together with the horse-power now developed, are: the St. Maurice, 1,026,050 h.p.; the Gatineau, 504,000 h.p.; the Lièvre, 274,000 h.p.; the St. Francis, 100,000 h.p.; the Chicoutimi, 41,400 h.p.; and the Au Sable, 33,200 h.p. Most of these developments are capable of being extended to produce more power than is now installed.

Other storage reservoirs operated by the Commission are: the Lake Metis Reservoir, the Savane River and Lake Brûlé Reservoirs on Ste. Anne de Beaupré River, nine reservoirs on North River and one reservoir on Rivière-du-Loup (en bas).

Among storage reservoirs not controlled or operated by the Commission are: the Lake St. John, the Lake Manouane and Passe Dangereuse on the Peribonca River, and the Onatchiway on the Shipshaw River. Power developments on the Saguenay River, benefiting from the Peribonca and Lake St. John Reservoirs, amount to over 1,500,000 h.p., since the Chute-à-Caron (Shipshaw) project has been completed.

The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission.—The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission was established by 8 Geo. VI, c. 22, with the object of supplying power to the municipalities, industrial or commercial undertakings and citizens of the Province of Quebec at the lowest rates consistent with sound financial administration.

On Apr. 15, 1944, in accordance with the provisions of this enactment, the Commission took over: (a) the undertaking of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated for the generating and distributing of electricity; (b) the undertaking of Montreal Island Power Company for the generating and distributing of electricity; and (c) all the shares of the capital stock of Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company. Thus, Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission acquired the control, among other assets, of the following hydro-electric plants:—

<i>Hydro-Electric Plant</i>	<i>River</i>	<i>Installed Capacity</i>
Cedars.....	St. Lawrence.....	200,000 h.p.
Chambly.....	Richelieu.....	9,000 h.p.
Sault-au-Récollet.....	Rivière-des-Prairies.....	45,000 h.p.
Beauharnois.....	St. Lawrence.....	680,000 h.p.

The Commission operates a public utility system which supplies electric light and power requirements to Greater Montreal and surrounding districts embracing a population of nearly 1,500,000.

From the Cedars Plant, electric energy is supplied to the Aluminum Company of America at Massena, N.Y., and through Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company power is sold to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. The quantities involved are in the neighbourhood of 100,000 h.p. to Massena, N.Y., and 250,000 h.p. to Ontario.