

During the years 1929 to 1944 the Commission purchased certain generating plants, and constructed and purchased transmission lines and also distributing systems in towns and villages. These were improved, enlarged or supplemented. Particulars of these acquisitions and constructions are given in the 1941 Year Book and subsequent editions.

In 1945 a transmission line and distribution systems were completed to provide service to Lestock, Leross and Kelliher; a transmission line was constructed to connect the town of Wadena, on the Commission's system, with the villages of Rose Valley and Kelvington, in which the Commission has been operating local plants; a short transmission line was built to the summer resort of Buena Vista, and another from Aylsham to Carrot River; and a transmission line was constructed from the city of Swift Current, on the Commission's system, to the village of Cadillac, on the system of Dominion Electric Power Limited. At the close of the year certain other transmission-line projects were under construction.

Of the 17 generating plants owned and operated by the Commission in 1944, those at Saskatoon and North Battleford were steam plants, and the remainder were equipped with compression-ignition engines. The total installed capacity of the generating plants was 34,200 h.p. There are no hydro-electric plants in the Commission's system, the primary power being: steam-reciprocating engines 800 h.p.; steam turbines 38,700 h.p.; and internal combustion engines 9,680 h.p. The Commission purchases several blocks of power from, and contracts for the interchange of power with private interests.

The total revenue for the calendar year 1945 was \$1,963,613. Provision has been made for depreciation and replacement reserve to the amount of \$4,073,410. The total plant investment as at Dec. 31, 1945, was approximately \$10,661,321.

During the year 1945, the Commission acquired control of Dominion Electric Power Limited by purchasing the common stock of that Company, which owns and operates electrical generating plants, transmission lines and distribution systems in the Province. The Company's generating plants are situated at Estevan, Taylorton, Melville, Assiniboia, Gravelbourg, Shaunavon, Gull Lake, Davidson, Biggar, Radville, Eastend, Herbert, Perdue and Hudson Bay Junction. It owns and operates 220 miles of transmission line and supplies 33 towns and villages. In the meantime these properties continue to be operated in the name of Dominion Electric Power Limited, but the Commission's intention is to absorb them into the Commission's own system as soon as is practicable.

On Dec. 1, 1945, the Commission acquired control of Prairie Power Company Limited by purchasing the common stock of that Company, which owned and operated electrical transmission lines and distribution systems in southeastern Saskatchewan. Power for the Company's system was purchased from the cities of Regina and Weyburn, the National Light and Power Company Limited, Moose Jaw, and Dominion Electric Power Limited, Estevan. The assets of the Company were immediately transferred to the Commission and incorporated in the Commission's system. The transmission lines so acquired were 540 miles in length and the town and village distribution systems so acquired numbered 53.

Regina and Weyburn, as well as several towns and villages, own and operate municipal plants and distributing systems. There are two private corporations owning and operating electrical generating plants, transmission lines and distributing systems in the Province. Control and regulatory powers regarding franchises for the supply of electric energy and the rates to be charged therefor are conferred