

other large cities and towns such as Medicine Hat and Cardston own their power plants and those beyond reach of the two private utilities referred to above are served by small privately owned power plants.

**British Columbia.**—Authority was given to the British Columbia Power Commission under the provisions of the Electric Power Act, assented to Mar. 28, 1945, to enter the public ownership field. The Commission has done so by acquiring the electric system of the West Canadian Hydro Electric Corporation, operating a water-power plant at Shuswap Falls in the northern portion of the Okanagan Valley; the Nanaimo Duncan Utilities Limited system, operating water-power plants and steam plant near Nanaimo, Vancouver Island; and has also purchased several smaller privately owned utilities. It has undertaken surveys and is about to commence the construction of a hydro-electric plant of 25,000 h.p. on the Campbell River, Vancouver Island.

Grand Forks, Kaslo, Nelson, Prince George, Revelstoke and the municipality of Peachland, each distribute electric energy generated by either fuel or water power, while Courtenay, Cranbrook, Fernie, Kelowna, Ladysmith, Merritt, New Westminster, the municipalities of Penticton and Summerland, the village of McBride and the improvement districts of Cranberry, Westview and Wildwood each purchase energy at wholesale rates and undertake distribution.

### Subsection 3.—Private Ownership of Central Electric Stations

Summary statistics of privately owned central electric stations are given for the years 1930 to 1944 in Table 20.

**20.—Privately Owned Central Electric Stations in Canada, 1930-44**

Year	Power Plants	Customers	Electric Energy Generated	Power Equipment <sup>1</sup>	
				Water Wheels and Turbines	Total
				h. p.	h. p.
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
1939.....	427	889,418	21,285,710	5,226,483	5,385,632
1940.....	421	926,093	22,287,270	5,544,803	5,708,664
1941.....	424	954,906	24,784,691	5,753,150	5,917,160
1942.....	428	985,059	28,177,387	6,099,440	6,269,386
1943.....	425	1,009,603	31,082,239	7,069,774	7,239,936
1944.....	424	753,239	25,688,581	6,175,674	6,373,523

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of auxiliary equipment.