having been added during the year. The Corporation also owned and operated steam generating plants located at Estevan, North Battleford, Prince Albert, Saskatoon and Taylorton, with a total installed capacity of 63,950 kw. At the end of the same year the Corporation owned and operated diesel plants located at Assiniboia, Biggar, Canora, Davidson, Eastend, Grenfell, Hudson Bay, Humboldt, Kindersley, Leader, Maple Creek, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Melville, Moosomin, Nipawin, Perdue, Rosetown, Shaunavon, Shellbrook, Swift Current, Tisdale, Unity, Watrous, Wynyard and Yorkton, with a total installed capacity of 30,435 h.p. The Corporation also purchased blocks of power from outside sources.

Electrical energy is sold retail direct to consumers, except in or to municipal corporations and retailed by them to the consumers. The number of customers served direct at the end of 1949 (including rural services) was 57,855, while the number served by municipalities buying power in bulk from the Corporation was approximately 20,574.

In the year 1949, the Corporation installed additional capacity in its diesel plants at Canora, Hudson Bay, Watrous and Yorkton. Transmission lines constructed during the year included: a high tension line from Estevan to Yorkton; a line from Yorkton to Canora; a line from Estevan to Bienfait; a line from Regina to Pense, to interconnect the Moose Jaw and Regina 24,000-volt systems; a line from Lebret to Balcarres; and another from Eston to Kindersley, with an extension to serve Eatonia, Laporte and Glidden.

The Power Corporation has commenced its program of rural electrification under the provisions of the Rural Electrification Act, 1949. This Act provides for the supply of power to rural customers by means of lines owned by the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, either in rural power districts or to individuals or small groups not within rural power districts. Bulk supply of power is provided also by the Corporation to rural power co-operative associations.

The cities of Regina and Weyburn as well as certain towns and villages own and operate their municipal plants and distribution systems. In Moose Jaw and in a number of small towns and villages, local plants and distribution systems are owned and operated by private companies or individuals.

21.—Growth of the Saskatchewan Power Commission, now Saskatchewan Power Corporation, 1940-49

Note.—Figures for the years 1929 to 1933 inclusive will be found at p. 493 of the 1947 Year Book. Figures for the years 1934 to 1939 inclusive will be found at p. 578 of the 1950 Year Book.

Year	Municipalities Served		Customers Served		Total Power	Total Power	Capital
	In Bulk	Directly	In Bulk	Directly	Generated	Purchased	Capital
	No.	No.	No.	No.	kwh.	kwh.	\$
1940 1941 1942 1943 1944	4 4 4 4	134 136 139 139 143	14,416 14,416 15,413 16,677 15,982	10, 268 10, 542 11, 450 12, 197 12, 989	56,717,096 65,225,091 70,084,762 79,565,869 85,118,625	2,423,188 2,019,107 2,100,225 1,921,440 1,808,586	8,271,730 8,511,974 8,617,455 8,748,856 8,939,920
1945	4 4 4 4	203 211 343 375 422	16,341 17,481 18,718 19,772 20,534	18,034 20,654 45,087 51,237 57,855	87, 248, 840 88, 111, 619 145, 049, 416 165, 671, 184 193, 770, 591	3,038,450 12,050,544 15,371,443 21,163,121 21,684,086	10,661,321 11,841,658 20,305,068 23,280,528 26,796,036