The predominant position of Quebec in the privately owned electric power field can be seen from Table 14, although that predominance is gradually diminishing. Of the total power generated in Canada by all central electric stations in 1955, 36 p.c. was generated by privately owned stations in the Province of Quebec as compared with 39 p.c. in 1954 and 40 p.c. in 1953.

14.—Privately Owned Central Electric Stations by Province 1954 and 1955

	Customers ¹	Electric Energy Generated	Power Equipment	
Year and Province or Territory			Water Wheels and Turbines	Total
	No.	'000 kwh.	h.p.	h.p.
1954			1	
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia. New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta British Columbia Yukon and Northwest Territories Canada, 1954	48,014 11,963 105,169 27,390 586,496 37,904 14,433 11,641 107,094 299,371 2,670	275, 331 34, 007 665, 229 508, 473 25, 755, 457 1, 853, 165 761 664, 972 984, 235 2, 627, 844 13, 728	106, 850 369 51,055 94,000 5,598,098 5,506,079 7,000 106,500 235,900 788,105 3,390	111, 639 17, 349 258, 113 105, 890 5, 618, 996 5, 559, 235 7, 000 156, 051 337, 804 8, 4, 659 4, 762 8, \$11, 498
1955				
Newfoundland. Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia. New Brunswick Quebec Ontario Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta. British Columbia Yukon and Northwest Territories.	611,133 38,462 3,741	706, 476 39, 115 736, 111 431, 391 26, 281, 741 1, 681, 014 1, 235 674, 451 1, 093, 371 2, 972, 035 14, 991	245, 650 369 51, 055 94, 000 5, 790, 998 518, 679 7, 000 106, 500 297, 850 808, 470 4, 190	250, 297 17, 349 316, 725 105, 815 5, 813, 796 571, 835 7, 640 156, 051 387, 439 855, 517 5, 987
Canada, 1955	1,302,2171	34,631,931	7,924,761	8,488,451

¹ Figures for 1955 are not comparable with those for 1954 and previous years; ultimate customers only are now included. Including customers who purchased for resale, the total is 1.302,427, and provincial totals are:New-coundland, 50,657; Prince Edward Island, 12,691; Nova Scotia, 109,266; New Brunswick, 28,127; Quebec, 611,222; Ontario, 38,485; Manitoba, 3,746; Saskatchewan, 11,969; Alberta, 119,632; British Columbia, 313,619; Yukon and Northwest Territories, 3,012.

In 1955 private and public stations in Ontario produced about 69 p.c. as much power as Quebec stations; these two provinces generated almost 82 p.c. of the total for Canada.

Because of the absence of free market determination of prices and regulation of services in an industry that is semi-monopolistic, regulation of electrical utilities has been attempted in most provinces. The governing bodies of the provincial electric power commissions, their functions and activities are summarized by provinces in the following paragraphs. Certain privately owned utilities are also covered.

Newfoundland.—There are no publicly owned hydro-electric systems in Newfoundland. The largest water power development in the Province is located at Deer Lake. The plant, which is operated by Bowater's Newfoundland Pulp and Paper Company Limited, has a total capacity of 154,000 h.p. This Company develops hydro-electric energy at Deer Lake mainly for its own use in the manufacture of pulp and paper and also supplies electric power to the Buchans Mining Company for its mining operations and to the Newfoundland Light and Power Company Limited which distributes electricity to consumers in Corner Brook and adjacent communities in the Bay of Islands sections.