

Power developments on the Saguenay River, benefiting from the Peribonca and Lake St. John reservoirs, have a total capacity of 1,950,000 h.p.

The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission.—The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission was established by S.Q. 8 Geo. VI, c. 22, with the object of supplying power to the municipalities, to industrial and commercial undertakings and to 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 Act, the Commission took over: (a) the system of Montreal Light, Heat and Power Consolidated for the generation and distribution of electricity; (b) the undertaking of the Montreal Island Power Company for the generation and distribution of electricity; and (c) all the shares of the capital stock of the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company. Thus the Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission at the end of 1956 controlled among other assets the following hydro-electric plants:*

<u>Plant</u>	<u>River</u>	<u>Installed Capacity</u>
		h.p.
Cedars.....	St. Lawrence.....	206,400
Sault-au-Recollet.....	Rivière-des-Prairies.....	45,000
Beauharnois.....	St. Lawrence.....	1,400,000
Rapid VII.....	Upper Ottawa.....	64,000
Rapid II.....	Upper Ottawa.....	32,000
Bersimis No. 1.....	Bersimis.....	300,000

The Commission operates a public utility system which supplies electric light and power requirements to Metropolitan Montreal and surrounding districts, embracing a population of nearly 2,000,000. From the Cedars plant, electric energy is supplied to the Aluminum Company of America at Massena, N.Y., and through the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company power is sold to The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario. Sales involved are in the neighbourhood of 100,000 h.p. to Massena, N.Y., and 250,000 h.p. to Ontario.

* The Commission also purchases 135,000 h.p. from the Shawinigan Water and Power Company.

17.—Growth of the Quebec Hydro System 1946-55

Note.—Figures for the years 1935-45 will be found in the 1950 Year Book, p. 572.

Year	Municipalities Served	Customers Served	Power Distributed	
			Total	Primary
			h.p.	h.p.
1946.....	61	309,022	1,085,000	947,000
1947.....	61	318,984	1,127,000	980,000
1948.....	61	330,799	1,202,000	1,034,000
1949.....	61	349,347	1,233,000	1,119,000
1950.....	64	338,026	1,296,000	1,182,000
1951.....	66	387,216	1,312,000	1,312,000
1952.....	67	400,779	1,620,000	1,462,000
1953.....	67	413,439	1,748,000	1,625,000
1954.....	67	430,687	1,700,000	1,687,000
1955.....	67	458,811	1,760,000	1,725,000