

Quebec at the lowest rates consistent with sound financial administration. The 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.....	60,000
Beauharnois.....	St. Lawrence.....	1,400,000
Rapid VII.....	Upper Ottawa.....	64,000
Rapid II.....	Upper Ottawa.....	48,000
Bersimis No. 1.....	Bersimis.....	450,000

The Commission operates a public utility system which supplies the electric light and power requirements of 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.

### 15.—Growth of the Quebec Hydro System, 1947-56

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1935-46 will be found in the 1950 Year Book, p. 572.

Year	Municipalities Served	Customers Served	Power Distributed	
			Total	Primary
			h.p.	h.p.
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	368,026	1,296,000	1,182,000
1951.....	66	387,218	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.....	65 <sup>r</sup>	451,821 <sup>r</sup>	1,760,000	1,725,000
1956.....	65	475,504	2,061,000	1,955,000

### 16.—Distribution of Quebec Hydro Primary Power, by Customer Group, 1952-56

(Coincident with Montreal System peak)

System	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
	h.p.	h.p.	h.p.	h.p.	h.p.
Montreal System.....	873,000	997,000	1,117,000	1,230,000	1,351,000
Beauharnois Local System.....	189,000	213,000	154,000	106,000	138,000
Beauharnois 25-cycle System (Ontario Hydro).....	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Massena System.....	135,000	142,000 <sup>r</sup>	126,000	99,000	86,000
Shawinigan System.....	15,000	23,000	40,000	40,000	110,000
Gatineau System.....	—	—	—	—	20,000
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>1,462,000</b>	<b>1,625,000</b>	<b>1,687,000</b>	<b>1,725,000</b>	<b>1,955,000</b>