

Northland Utilities supplies 3,500 customers with natural gas in 13 communities in northern Alberta—Fairview, Bluesky, Whitelaw, Brownvale, Berwyn, Grimshaw, Grande Prairie, Spirit River, Sexsmith, Rycroft, Woking, Clairmont, and Peace River. A subsidiary, Northland Utilities B.C. Limited, supplies gas to 2,500 customers in Dawson Creek and Pouce Coupe, B.C.

British Columbia.—The British Columbia Power Commission was appointed Apr. 17, 1945, under the provisions of the Provincial Electric Power Act. Operations were commenced in August of the same year with the acquisition of electrical properties in several parts of the province. The following statement shows the growth in the number of customers from 1949 to 1958:—

Year Ended Mar. 31—	Services Acquired	Services Installed	Total Services for Period	Cumulative Services to End of Period
	No.	No.	No.	No.
1949.....	831	3,318	4,149	31,619
1950.....	4,686	3,321	8,007	39,626
1951.....	473	4,075	4,548	44,174
1952.....	103	2,600	2,703	45,912
Sold June 1951.....	-325	-640	-965	
1953.....	—	3,597	3,597	49,509
1954.....	—	3,264	3,264	52,773
1955.....	523	3,261	3,784	56,557
1956.....	406	4,382	4,788	61,345
1957.....	4,676	5,525	10,201	69,574
Sold May 1956.....	-337	-1,635	-1,972	
1958.....	—	5,706	5,706	75,280
TOTALS.....	32,457	42,823	75,280	...

Continued expansion in generating capability, transmission and distribution plant, power requirements, installed services and revenues marked the year ended Mar. 31, 1958, capital expenditure reaching an all-time high of \$51,341,000. Revenue increased by 21.1 p.c. and expenditure by 37.9 p.c. of which some 13 p.c. was attributable to power purchased to conserve the Commission's own water services while a new reservoir was being filled, and 18 p.c. was attributable to an increase in fixed charges. The resulting operating surplus was \$102,756 (before provision for hydro deficiency). Details of construction recently completed or under way are given on pp. 559-560.

22.—Growth of the British Columbia Power Commission, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1954-58

Item	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	
Customers.....	No. 52,773	56,577	61,345	69,574	75,280	
Installed plant capacity.....	kw. 174,255	176,866	211,366	284,435	324,735	
Circuit Miles of Line—						
Transmission (high voltage).....	miles 624	689	795	1,009	1,330	
Distribution primaries.....	" 2,995	3,301	3,781	4,147	4,650	
Power Requirements—						
Generated.....	kwh. 687,158,106	812,793,062	955,007,458	1,058,915,734	984,810,523	
Purchased.....	" 9,962,128	12,016,339	24,023,708	25,668,700	228,760,010	
Totals, Power Requirements..	kwh. 697,120,234	824,809,401	979,031,166	1,084,584,434	1,213,570,533	
Annual revenue.....	\$ 7,103,853	8,227,331	9,730,576	11,992,259	14,523,888	
Capital Investment (plant in operation)—						
Generation plant.....	\$ 33,678,194	35,100,468	44,741,367	55,595,538	82,844,306	
Transmission plant.....	\$ 11,686,982	13,204,511	15,289,408	20,639,658	24,678,764	
Distribution and general plants.	\$ 15,957,640	18,095,779	21,791,399	25,783,408	30,031,507	
Totals, Capital Investment	(plant in operation).....	\$ 61,322,816	66,400,758	81,822,174	102,018,604	137,554,577