

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Power Corporation was established on Feb. 1, 1949, and operates under the provisions of the Power Corporation Act (SS 1950, c.10) as amended. It succeeded the Saskatchewan Power Commission which had operated from Feb. 11, 1929. The original functions of the Corporation included the generation, transmission, distribution, sale and supply of hydro and steam electric energy. Since 1952, the Corporation has been authorized to produce or purchase and to transmit, distribute, sell and supply natural or manufactured gas.

In 1960, the Corporation served 984 urban communities (with six or more customers) in retail sales, and served the Cities of Saskatoon and Swift Current, the town of Battleford and the hamlet of Waskesiu in bulk sales. Some bulk power was also sold to the City of Regina on an exchange basis. Activities of the Corporation cover the entire province with the exception of the City of Regina, which owns and operates municipal plants and a distribution system. The local steam plant and distribution system of the City of Moose Jaw, originally owned and operated by a private company, were purchased by the Corporation late in 1960.

At the end of 1960, the Corporation served 221,675 customers, 186,843 of whom were retail customers and 34,832 of whom were located in communities supplied with power through bulk sales. The retail customers included 127,751 urban customers and 59,092 customers classified as rural, predominantly farmers. During the year, 1,233,531,753 kwh. were made available to customers, of which 1,230,750,759 kwh. were generated in Corporation plants and 2,780,994 kwh. were purchased in bulk from Regina. At the end of the year, the Corporation had invested, at cost, a total of \$329,184,514 in electric and natural gas plant in service.

During the year, the Corporation owned and operated five steam generating plants—one at Prince Albert and two each at Saskatoon and Estevan; a sixth steam plant was purchased along with the Moose Jaw distribution system late in the year. These plants supplied 87.2 p.c. of total system power requirements and three internal combustion gas dual fuel plants at Kindersley, Swift Current and Unity supplied most of the remainder. Five small diesel plants (at Kamsack, Leader, Hudson Bay, La Ronge and Central Butte) acted mainly as standby plants. Total system capability in operation at the end of 1959 was assessed at 548,060 kw. with 499,000 kw. in steam plants, 45,600 kw. in gas dual fuel units and 3,460 kw. in diesel plants. At the end of 1960, the Corporation owned and operated 66,092 miles of transmission and rural lines (excluding urban distribution and hi-lines). Plant additions completed or under way in Saskatchewan during 1961 are outlined at p. 556.

20.—Growth of the Saskatchewan Power Corporation, 1951-60

Year	Communities Served in Bulk and Retail Sales	Individual Meters in Communities Served	Power Distributed	Revenue
	No.	No.	kwh.	\$
1951.....	535	93,923	278,826,919	7,159,876
1952.....	582	107,942	332,674,176	8,553,619
1953.....	631	122,676	398,211,673	10,363,752
1954.....	664	134,587	472,763,014	11,936,234
1955.....	742	149,134	556,776,981	13,350,177
1956.....	799	162,594	659,720,877	15,566,910
1957.....	870	178,567	780,613,534	18,152,460
1958.....	880	188,293	909,086,629	20,687,771
1959.....	962	197,451	1,067,349,615	23,909,113
1960.....	984	221,675	1,233,531,753	26,667,471