

**Alberta.**—Public ownership of power generating and distributing systems in Alberta is confined to certain urban municipalities. The regulatory authority over privately owned systems is the Board of Public Utility Commissioners which has jurisdiction over the distribution and sale of electricity. The Board has power to hold investigation upon complaint made either by a municipality or by a utility company and, following such investigation, may fix just and reasonable rates. Three private utility companies serve the province; plant additions completed or under way in Alberta during 1961 are outlined at pp. 556-557.

**British Columbia.**—The British Columbia Power Commission was appointed in April 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 1952 to 1961:—

Year Ended Mar. 31—	Services Acquired	Services Installed	Total Services for Period	Cumulative Services to End of Period
	No.	No.	No.	No.
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
1959.....	75	4,506	4,581	79,861
1960.....	119	4,324	4,443	84,304
1961.....	393	4,965	5,358	89,662
<b>CUMULATIVE TOTALS.....</b>	<b>33,044</b>	<b>56,618</b>	<b>89,662</b>	<b>89,662</b>

Details of construction completed or under way in British Columbia during 1961 are outlined at p. 557.

## 21.—Growth of the British Columbia Power Commission, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1957-61

Item	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Customers..... No.	69,574	75,280	79,861	84,304	89,662
Installed plant capacity..... kw.	284,435	324,735	385,771	454,191	468,701
Circuit Miles of Line—					
Transmission (high voltage).... miles	1,009	1,330	1,415	1,573	1,643
Distribution primaries..... “	4,147	4,650	4,949	5,227	5,801
Power Requirements—					
Generated..... kwh.	1,058,915,734	984,810,523	1,597,961,498	1,707,027,382	1,708,237,892
Purchased..... “	25,668,700	228,760,010	46,124,718	51,418,573	78,144,129
<b>Totals, Power Requirements. kwh.</b>	<b>1,084,584,434</b>	<b>1,213,570,533</b>	<b>1,644,086,216</b>	<b>1,758,445,960</b>	<b>1,786,382,021</b>
Annual revenue..... \$'000	11,992	14,524	17,131	19,073	20,610
Capital Investment (plant in operation)—					
Generation plant..... \$	55,595,538	82,844,306	115,743,698	141,075,465	144,646,921
Transmission plant..... \$	20,639,658	24,678,764	28,487,058	32,202,571	34,292,446
Distribution and general plants. \$	25,783,408	30,031,507	32,724,097	36,017,392	40,108,399
<b>Totals, Capital Investment (plant in operation)..... \$</b>	<b>102,018,604</b>	<b>137,554,577</b>	<b>176,954,853</b>	<b>209,295,428</b>	<b>219,047,766</b>