

Montreal area, it supplies power to customers in the Beauharnois-Valleyfield area, plus contracts for large deliveries to The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, the Aluminum Company of America at Massena, N.Y., the Gatineau Power Company and the Shawinigan Water & Power Company. The Northeastern Quebec system is composed of three regional areas—Bersimis, Gaspé and Chibougamau. The Bersimis and Gaspé areas are interconnected with the Southwestern Quebec system. Chibougamau is isolated and is served by the Commission through a purchase power contract. Gaspé region is supplied by a transmission line linking Les Boules with system resources near Quebec. The Bersimis and Gaspé regions normally receive their power supply from Bersimis plants 1 and 2 which furnish large blocks of power to the Southwestern Quebec system for use in the Montreal area and to the Shawinigan Water & Power Company near Quebec City. These plants also supply the requirements of customers on the north shore of the lower St. Lawrence River.

#### 14.—Growth of the Hydro-Quebec System, 1953-62

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1935-46 will be found in the 1950 Year Book, p. 572, and for the years 1947-52 in the 1957-58 edition, p. 579.

Year	Municipalities Served	Customers Served (end of year)	Power Distributed	
			Total	Primary
			hp.	hp.
1953.....	67	413,439	1,748,000	1,625,000
1954.....	67	430,774	1,700,000	1,687,000
1955.....	65	451,820	1,760,000	1,725,000
1956.....	65	475,499	2,061,000	1,955,000
1957.....	64	499,005	2,561,000	2,390,000
1958 <sup>r</sup> .....	64	515,834	2,736,000	2,671,000
1959 <sup>r</sup> .....	63	536,487	3,402,000	2,926,000
1960 <sup>r</sup> .....	63	558,600	3,590,000	3,174,000
1961 <sup>r</sup> .....	73	574,992	3,855,000	3,310,000
1962.....	73	589,291	3,904,000	3,589,000

#### 15.—Distribution of Hydro-Quebec Primary Power, by Customer Group, 1956-62

(Coincident with Montreal System peak)

System	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
	hp.	hp.	hp.	hp.	hp.	hp.	hp.
Montreal.....	1,351,000	1,436,000	1,617,000	1,698,000	1,905,000	1,949,000	2,143,000
Beauharnois (local).....	138,000	265,000	253,000	255,000	208,000	201,000	244,000
Beauharnois (Ontario).....	250,000	250,000	267,000	261,000	261,000	250,000	250,000
Massena.....	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000
Shawinigan Water and Power Company.....	110,000	198,000	276,000	359,000	452,000	503,000	496,000
Gatineau.....	20,000	30,000	37,000	50,000	67,000	87,000	100,000
Gaspé.....	—	35,000	41,000	48,000	51,000	67,000	68,000
Northwestern.....	—	86,000	86,000	85,000	53,000	56,000	57,000
Chibougamau.....	—	15,000	19,000	25,000	25,000	27,000	29,000
Northeastern (north shore).....	—	—	—	70,000	77,000	95,000	127,000
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>1,944,000</b>	<b>2,390,000</b>	<b>2,671,000</b>	<b>2,926,000</b>	<b>3,174,000</b>	<b>3,310,000</b>	<b>3,589,000</b>

Power plant construction completed or under way in Quebec during 1962 is outlined at p. 593.

*Nationalization of Utilities.*—In November 1962, the Quebec Government proposed to nationalize 11 private power companies. Nationalization became effective May 1, 1963.

*Ontario.*—The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is a corporate entity, a self-sustaining public enterprise endowed with broad powers with respect to the supply of electricity throughout the Province of Ontario. Its authority is derived from an Act of the Provincial Legislature passed in 1906 to give effect to recommendations of earlier advisory commissions that the water powers of Ontario should be conserved and developed