

## 4.—Electricity and Gas Meter Registrations, 1952-61

Year	Electricity Meters	Gas Meters			
		Manufactured Gas	Natural Gas	Petroleum Gas	Total
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1952.....	3,779,868	599,140	277,248	1,270	877,663 <sup>1</sup>
1953.....	3,968,020	593,698	298,166	429	892,297 <sup>1</sup>
1954.....	4,175,534	420,432	486,768	532	907,736 <sup>1</sup>
1955.....	4,380,889	416,338	507,875	3,147	927,364 <sup>1</sup>
1956.....	4,571,391	350,558	599,633	4,843	955,034
1957.....	4,748,636	67,726	943,783	4,570	1,016,079
1958.....	4,941,667	35,967	1,069,892	5,101	1,110,960
1959.....	5,157,495	32,799	1,162,678	4,266	1,199,743
1960.....	5,317,704	25,041	1,232,215	12,109	1,269,365
1961.....	5,491,388	18,841	1,314,057	14,772	1,347,670

<sup>1</sup> Includes five acetylene meters in 1952 and four in 1953, 1954 and 1955.

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## 5.—Patents Applied for, Granted, etc., Years Ended Mar. 31, 1958-62

Item		1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Applications for patents.....	No.	22,257	22,912	24,292	24,529	25,447
Patents granted.....	"	16,261	18,293	22,021	22,014	21,659
Granted to Canadians.....	"	1,488	1,515	1,903	2,036	1,844
Caveats granted.....	"	242	296	291	281	226
Assignments.....	"	19,744	20,208	22,015	22,587	24,161
Fees received, net.....	\$	1,438,218	1,559,705	1,793,685	1,806,279	1,858,965

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