

Madawaska River, Kipawa Lake on the Ottawa River, Lac Dozois on the upper Ottawa River, Lac Cassé in the Bersimis River watershed and Lac Ste. Anne on the Toulouste River, a tributary of the Manicouagan River.

The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission.—The Quebec Hydro-Electric Commission was established in 1944 (SQ 1944, c. 22) for the purpose of supplying power to the municipalities, to industrial and commercial undertakings and to citizens of the Province of Quebec at the lowest rates consistent with sound financial administration. On May 1, 1963, the Commission acquired control of the following privately owned electrical utilities operating in the Province of Quebec: the Shawinigan Water and Power Company, the St. Maurice Power Corporation, the Quebec Power Company, the Southern Canada Power Company, the Gatineau Power Company, the Northern Quebec Power Company, the Saguenay Electric Company and the Lower St. Lawrence Power Company. As a result of these transactions, all electricity production, except for facilities operated by certain industrial organizations in their own manufacturing operations, was brought under the control of a single authority. The services of the Commission now cover virtually the entire province except for local distribution of small amounts of electricity by some municipalities, most of which is purchased from the Commission or its subsidiaries.

At the end of 1963 the Commission controlled, among other assets, the following hydro-electric and thermal-electric plants:—

Item	Hydro-Electric			Thermal-Electric		
	Plants	Capacity ¹		Plants	Capacity	
		No.	kw.		hp.	No.
Hydro-Quebec only.....	8	3,899,760	5,178,400	1	36,000	48,000
Subsidiaries of Hydro-Quebec—						
Shawinigan.....	10	1,531,200	2,051,200	—	—	—
Quebec Power.....	6	24,140	41,925	—	—	—
Southern Canada Power.....	4	47,985	58,000	—	—	—
Gatineau Power.....	12	552,251	728,975	—	—	—
Northern Quebec Power.....	1	89,600	119,000	—	—	—
Saguenay Electric.....	2	3,195	4,300	—	—	—
Lower St. Lawrence Power.....	2	10,650	15,600	1	4,450	6,000
TOTALS.....	45	6,158,781	8,197,400	2	40,450	54,000
Purchases by Hydro-Quebec and sub- sidiaries.....	...	598,000	801,600	—	—	—

¹ Dependable hydro-electric peak capacity at time of freeze-up approximated 5,400,000 kw. or 7,240,000 hp.

These facilities now permit the balanced distribution of power throughout Quebec and the most efficient use of the water power resources of the province. In September, the Commission announced a standardization of rates for domestic customers in approximately 900 communities served by certain of the newly acquired subsidiaries. At the same time, new rates were announced for electric house heating to make this form of heating more attractive to customers. It is anticipated that complete administrative reorganization will be accomplished by the end of 1964. Nationalization of service will be of particular benefit to some 20,000 customers in the northwestern area where the system frequency is being changed from 25 cycle to 60 cycle. The changeover is scheduled for completion in 1965 at an estimated cost of \$12,000,000.

Hydro-Quebec and its subsidiaries, at the end of 1963, served 1,550 communities with 1,363,390 customers and distributed primary power amounting to 5,695,000 kw. or 7,634,000 hp. Total power distributed was 5,909,000 kw. or 7,921,000 hp. Power distributed is given in terms of the net output of the sources of supply made available to each