

waska 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 1965 the Commission (Hydro-Quebec) controlled, among other assets, the following hydro-electric and thermal-electric plants:—

Item	Hydro-Electric		Thermal-Electric	
	Plants	Capacity ¹	Plants	Capacity
	No.	kw.	No.	kw.
Hydro-Quebec only.....	9	4,742,260	1	36,000
Subsidiaries of Hydro-Quebec—				
Shawinigan.....	11	1,532,425	4	309,740
Quebec Power.....	6	28,370	7	1,630
Southern Canada Power.....	4	47,256	—	—
Gatineau Power.....	13	545,880	—	—
Northern Quebec Power.....	1	89,600	—	—
Saguenay Electric.....	4	8,790	—	—
Lower St. Lawrence Power.....	3	11,350	2	5,413
TOTALS.....	51	7,005,931	14	343,783
Purchases by Hydro-Quebec and subsidiaries.....	—	606,000	—	—

¹ Dependable hydro-electric peak capacity at time of freeze-up approximated 6,590,000 kw.

These facilities now permit the balanced distribution of power throughout Quebec and the most efficient use of the water power resources of the province. Hydro-Quebec and its subsidiaries, at the end of 1965, served virtually all communities in the province. Customers numbered 1,539,073 and the distributed primary power demand was 6,911,000 kw. Total power delivered was 6,956,000 kw. Power distributed is given in terms of the net output of the sources of supply made available to the consolidated system at the time of annual primary peak; it also includes purchases of power from other power producers.

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 for the benefit of the people of the province. It now operates under the Power Commission Act (SO 1907, c. 19) passed in 1907 as an amplification of the Act of 1906 and