

16.—Growth of The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, 1956-65

Year	Ultimate Customers Served Directly or Indirectly	Total Power Distributed ¹	Assets of Commission and Municipal Utilities
	No.	kw.	\$
1956.....	1,612,049	4,909,104	2,293,492,487
1957.....	1,674,062	4,970,576	2,563,058,384
1958.....	1,757,405	5,417,536	2,756,758,142
1959.....	1,830,453	6,018,204	2,909,088,086
1960.....	1,881,472	6,157,534	3,044,800,819
1961.....	1,938,897	6,463,932	3,196,429,522
1962.....	1,991,289	6,968,885	3,148,330,722
1963.....	2,041,732	7,300,296	3,225,289,707
1964.....	2,095,754	7,688,790	3,331,568,832 ^r
1965.....	2,142,281	8,348,407	3,533,238,103

¹ Sum of the maximum 20-minute coincident peak loads (primary plus secondary) of each of the systems operated by the Commission, given in terms of net output of the sources of supply to each system for the last month of each fiscal year.

Manitoba.—Manitoba Hydro is the primary developing, generating and distributing power agency in the Province of Manitoba. The corporation came into being Apr. 1, 1961, following amalgamation of the two former provincial government utilities engaged in the generation and distribution of electric power.

Manitoba Hydro operates six hydro-electric generating stations, two thermal-electric generating stations and 14 diesel-electric generating plants. The combined generating capability is 1,162,781 kw., hydro installations accounting for 910,000 kw., thermal installations for 244,000 kw. and diesel installations for 8,781 kw. Four of the hydro stations are located on the Winnipeg River and, like the thermal installations, provide power to the southern part of the province. The fifth hydro-electric generating station, rated at 160,000 kw., is situated on the Nelson River 425 miles north of Winnipeg and supplies power to The International Nickel Company of Canada Limited development and the townsite at Thompson. The sixth hydro-electric installation is the newly completed 330,000-kw. Grand Rapids Generating Station located on the Saskatchewan River. This station is connected electrically with southern Manitoba. Diesel installations are used to provide power in isolated northern communities.

In serving its 216,691 urban, rural, commercial and industrial customers, the corporation maintains some 35,264 miles of primary transmission and farm distribution lines. Approximately 98 p.c. of the total resident-occupied farms in the province are electrified and 613 cities, towns and villages are provided with power service. While Manitoba Hydro supplies power for most of the province including the cities and municipalities adjoining the city of Winnipeg and comprising part of Metropolitan Winnipeg, it does not distribute power within the corporate limits of the city although it does supply a portion of the city's power requirements.

Power plant construction in Manitoba in 1965 is outlined at p. 647.

Saskatchewan.—The Saskatchewan Power Corporation was established on Feb. 1, 1949, and operates under the provisions of the Power Corporation Act (SS 1950, c. 10, as amended). It succeeded the Saskatchewan Power Commission which had operated from Feb. 11, 1929. The original functions of the Corporation included the generation, transmission, distribution, sale and supply of hydro and steam electric energy. Since 1952, the Corporation has been authorized to produce or purchase, and to transmit, distribute, sell and supply natural or manufactured gas.

On May 1, 1965, the Corporation purchased the generating and distribution facilities of the City of Regina and its activities now cover the entire province. During the year the