

1.—Electricity and Gas Meters in Use, Years Ended Mar. 31, 1944-53

Year	Electricity Meters	Gas Meters				Total
		Manufac- tured Gas	Natural Gas	Acetylene Gas	Petroleum Gas	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944	2,268,500	540,240	201,522	4	1,392	743,158
1945	2,348,150	552,411	208,046	4	1,529	761,990
1946	2,459,672	550,949	215,330	4	1,651	767,934
1947	2,647,040	560,046	225,952	4	1,725	787,727
1948	2,746,685	587,629	217,068	3	1,046	805,746
1949	2,972,725	600,923	227,393	3	4,006	832,325
1950	3,188,013	606,395	239,448	4	3,841	849,688
1951 ¹	3,405,432	610,096	252,468	5	33	862,602
1952 ¹	3,590,422	609,262	263,130	5	68	872,465
1953 ¹	3,779,739	599,140	277,248	5	1,270	877,663

¹ Includes Newfoundland.

The Electricity and Fluid Exportation Act came into force in 1907. Under its provisions no electric energy or fluid, whether liquid or gaseous, may be exported from Canada without a licence. Total exports of electric energy during the year ended Mar. 31, 1953, amounted to 2,463,059,301 kwh. There was also a small export of natural gas and crude oil.

Section 4.—Patents, Copyrights and Trade Marks*

Letters patent are issued subject to the provisions of the Patent Act, 1935 (R.S.C. 1952, c. 203). Applications for protection relating to patents should be addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Ottawa.

2.—Patents Applied for, Granted, etc., Years Ended Mar. 31, 1948-53

Item	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Applications for patents..... No.	16,585	12,751	13,172	14,324	15,448	16,405
Patents granted..... "	7,175	7,959	8,513	8,461	9,516	9,700
Granted to Canadians..... "	580	570	655	627	708	742
Caveats granted..... "	313	326	356	391	253	243
Assignments..... "	13,656	13,325	12,811	11,437	11,621	12,525
Fees received, net..... \$	631,929	625,451	636,772	661,069	728,241	756,714

The number of Canadian patents granted increased fairly steadily each year from 4,522 at the beginning of the century to a peak of 12,542 in 1923 and has remained between 6,500 and 10,000 for the past ten years. Of the 9,700 patents granted in 1952-53, 6,966 or 72 p.c. were to inventors resident in the United States, 742 to Canadian residents and 1,095 to residents of the United Kingdom or other Commonwealth countries. Residents of France obtained 226, of Switzerland 144, of Holland 219, and of other countries 308.

Printed copies of patents issued from Jan. 1, 1949, to date are available at a nominal fee. The Canadian *Patent Office Record* gives a brief digest of each patent.

* The material relating to patents and copyrights was revised by J. W. T. Michel, Commissioner of Patents, and that relating to trade marks by J. P. McCaffrey, Registrar of Trade Marks, Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa.