

The following table gives details of the rates levied and collected :—

RATES COLLECTED BY ELECTRIC-POWER BOARDS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1935.

| Name of Board.     | General Rate.                                          |            | Availability Rate. |            | Special Rates.       |            | Total Amount collected. |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|
|                    | Levied.                                                | Collected. | Levied.            | Collected. | Levied.              | Collected. |                         |
|                    | d.                                                     | £          |                    | £          | d.                   | £          | £                       |
| Banks Peninsula .. | $\frac{1}{32}, \frac{1}{6}, \text{ and } \frac{4}{10}$ | 2,902      | ..                 | ..         | ..                   | ..         | 3,067*                  |
| Malvern ..         | $\frac{1}{4}$                                          | 2,071      | ..                 | ..         | ..                   | ..         | 2,958*                  |
| Marlborough ..     | ..                                                     | ..         | ..                 | 107*       | ..                   | ..         | 107*                    |
| Manawatu-Oroua ..  | ..                                                     | 1,094*     | ..                 | ..         | ..                   | ..         | 1,094*                  |
| Otago ..           | 0.05                                                   | 58         | ..                 | ..         | 0.3, 0.325, and 0.35 | 4,612      | 6,331*                  |
| Southland ..       | $\frac{7}{10}$                                         | 25,918     | ..                 | ..         | ..                   | ..         | 37,610*                 |
| Taranaki ..        | ..                                                     | ..         | ..                 | 194*       | ..                   | ..         | 194*                    |
| Teviot ..          | ..                                                     | 3*         | ..                 | ..         | ..                   | ..         | 3*                      |
| Wairoa ..          | $\frac{1}{8}$                                          | 2,032      | ..                 | ..         | ..                   | ..         | 2,700*                  |
| Totals ..          | ..                                                     | 34,078     | ..                 | 301        | ..                   | 4,612      | 54,064                  |

\* Includes arrears for previous years.

On 1st June, 1934, the name of the Central Electric-power Board was changed to Central Waikato Electric-power Board.

#### LOCAL ELECTRIC-SUPPLY SYSTEMS.

Including the Government plants, there are now (31st March, 1935) forty public electric-power stations operating in the Dominion, as compared with thirty-seven last year, the additional ones being accounted for by scheduling Public Works Department as operating six stations (Arapuni, Horahora, Tuai, Mangahao, Coleridge, and Waitaki) instead of three as shown last year (Table XXIII). Two new hydro stations (Waitaki and Brooklyn) went into commission during the year, and Motueka Borough's gas-station went out of commission, being superseded by the Waimea Power Board's standby Diesel plant. There are ninety-two local electric-supply authorities directly engaged in the retail sale of electricity, and the following table shows the porportion using Government-generated power :—

| Class of Local Authority controlling Electric-supply System. | Using Government Supply. | Using Non-Government Supply. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                              | Number.                  | Number.                      |
| Power Board .. .. .                                          | 28 (a)                   | 12 (b)                       |
| City Council operating own reticulation                      | 3 (c)                    | 3 (d)                        |
| Borough Council operating own reticulation                   | 13 (e)                   | 16 (e)                       |
| County Council operating own reticulation                    | 2                        | 3                            |
| Town Board operating own reticulation                        | 2 (e)                    | 3 (e)                        |
| Company .. .. .                                              | ..                       | 5                            |
| Private .. .. .                                              | ..                       | 1                            |
| Tourist Department .. .. .                                   | 1                        | ..                           |
| Totals .. .. .                                               | 49                       | 43                           |
|                                                              | 92                       |                              |

(a) Included in these supply areas are 54 boroughs and 36 town districts.  
 (b) Included in these supply areas are 23 boroughs and 11 town districts.  
 (c) Palmerston North, Wellington, and Christchurch. (d) Nelson, Dunedin, and Invercargill.  
 (e) Exclusive of 77 boroughs and 47 town districts incorporated as constituent parts of Power Board supply areas.

On the 1st May, 1934, the Waimea Electric-power Board took over the plant and lines of the Motueka Borough Council, and on the 24th November, 1934, this Board's hydro station on Brooklyn River was officially opened.

On the 1st July, 1934, Christchurch City Council took over Halswell County Council's reticulation system, the license for which was assigned on the 21st August, 1933.