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SALES OF MANUFACTURED AND NATURAL GAS

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Total sales of natural gas during March, 1959 amounted to 29,246,876 MCF, a 37.5 per cent increase over the March, 1958 level of 21,274,146 MCF, but an 8.9 per cent decrease from the February total of 32,121,136 MCF. The number of customers using natural gas increased 54.4 per cent to 1,051,047 in March of this year from 680,599 in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 2,974 customers over the total of 1,048,073 in February, 1959. During this period revenue from sales increased 41.0 per cent to \$17,043,884 from \$12,091,908 in March 1958, but decreased 9.6 per cent from \$18,867,593 in the previous month.

Sales of natural gas to industrial customers continued to increase. Total for March was 11,909,451 MCF, a rise of 4,983,827 MCF or 71.7 per cent over the total of 6,925,624 MCF in March, 1958 and an increase of 843,624 MCF or 7.6 per cent over the total industrial sales of 11,065,827 MCF in February.

Natural gas sales in Alberta equalled 13,486,639 MCF or 46.1 per cent of the total sales in March, 1959. Of the sales to industrial and commercial users, Alberta consumed more than any other province, 51.6 per cent and 57.3 per cent of the national totals respectively, while Eastern Canada consumed the greater portion, 44.0 per cent, of the gas sold to domestic users.

Revenue from sales was greatest in Eastern Canada, 60.4 per cent of the total. This region also received the largest amount of revenue from each type of sales - domestic 64.4 per cent, industrial 62.1 per cent, and commercial 46.6 per cent.

Average rates varied greatly with the lowest in the main producing province of Alberta, \$0.24 per MCF while highest was in Eastern Canada, \$1.00 per MCF. These differences were largely caused by varying transportation costs. Rates to industrial users in all areas were much lower than rates to either domestic or commercial users.

Sales of manufactured gas continued to decline sharply, dropping 88.9 per cent to 141,874 MCF in March of this year from 1,277,263 MCF in March, 1958. The average rate, \$1.47 per MCF, was considerably higher than the average rate for Canada of \$0.58 per MCF of natural gas.

Classifications of Gas Sales

- (a) Domestic - sales of gas for residential use, including house heating.
- (b) Industrial - sales to industrial and manufacturing concerns such as manufacturers of chemicals, machinery, textiles, foodstuffs, as well as foundries, machine shops, wholesale bakeries, commercial laundries, etc.
- (c) Commercial - sales to hotels, restaurants, retail bakers, delicatessens, tailor shops, department stores, wholesale dealers, professional and business offices, etc.
- (d) Miscellaneous - includes all sales not classified above. Does not include sales to other distributing companies.

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Table 1 Sales of Natural Gas

	March, 1959			
	Customers	Gas Sold	Revenue	Revenue per MCF
	No.	MCF	\$	\$
Domestic:				
Ontario ¹	648,254	5,305,773	6,699,439	1.26
Manitoba	18,606	288,980	243,180	0.84
Saskatchewan	44,278	1,087,866	724,130	0.67
Alberta	169,234	4,473,450	1,601,856	0.36
British Columbia	86,906	907,572	1,138,891	1.25
Canada	967,278	12,063,641	10,407,496	0.86
Industrial:				
Ontario ¹	4,922	3,858,494	2,225,424	0.58
Manitoba	8	185,855	71,780	0.39
Saskatchewan	264	1,419,592	272,121	0.19
Alberta	543	6,147,635	871,659	0.14
British Columbia	159	297,875	140,633	0.47
Canada	5,896	11,909,451	3,581,617	0.30
Commercial:				
Ontario ¹	40,395	1,173,300	1,363,627	1.16
Manitoba	1,869	114,439	87,561	0.77
Saskatchewan	4,507	506,238	259,601	0.51
Alberta	17,605	2,856,733	804,445	0.28
British Columbia	13,347	334,675	411,951	1.23
Canada	77,723	4,985,385	2,927,185	0.59
Miscellaneous:				
Ontario ¹	14	366	4,509	-
Manitoba	5	10,214	3,944	-
Saskatchewan	14	3,081	1,109	-
Alberta	81	8,821	13,248	-
British Columbia	36	265,917	104,776	-
Canada	150	288,399	127,586	-
Total Sales:				
Ontario ¹	693,585	10,337,933	10,292,999	1.00
Manitoba	20,488	599,488	406,465	0.68
Saskatchewan	49,063	3,016,777	1,256,961	0.42
Alberta	187,463	13,486,639	3,291,208	0.24
British Columbia	100,448	1,806,039	1,796,251	0.99
Canada	1,051,047	29,246,876	17,043,884	0.58

1. Includes New Brunswick and Quebec, each of which has less than three companies reporting.

Table 2 Sales of Manufactured Gas

	March, 1959			
	Customers	Gas Sold	Revenue	Revenue per MCF
	No.	MCF	\$	\$
Domestic	28,171	84,474	133,885	1.58
Industrial	430	10,708	13,509	1.26
Commercial	3,000	46,692	60,644	1.30
Miscellaneous	76	-	136	-
Total	31,677	141,874	208,174	1.47

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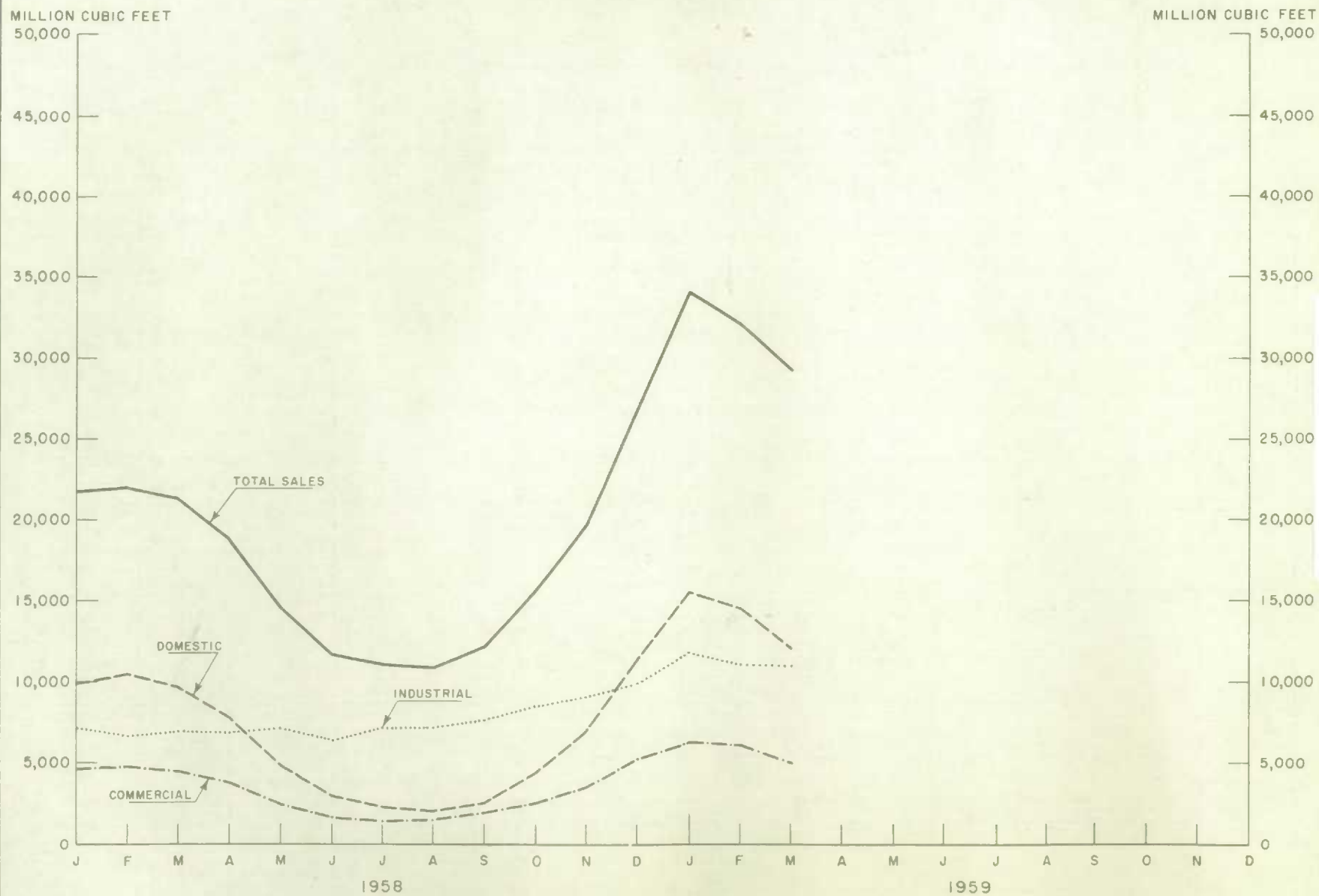
March, 1958			Cumulative Totals January to March, 1959		
Customers	Gas Sold	Revenue	Customers	Gas Sold	Revenue
No.	MCF	\$	No.	MCF	\$
N.A.	3,896,400	N.A.	647,595*	17,900,042*	22,250,823*
) "	881,309	" (	18,396	1,075,530	882,554
) "	4,345,495	" (	43,846	3,754,586	2,423,872
"	543,733*	"	168,554	16,453,175	5,709,622
621,166*	9,666,937	7,807,762	85,888	2,994,566	3,628,096
			964,279*	42,177,899*	34,894,967*
N.A.	1,078,350	N.A.	4,975	11,184,096	6,530,375
) "	894,082	" (	5	566,592	215,573
) "	4,816,293	" (	261	3,622,903	769,690*
"	136,899*	"	541	18,747,037	2,651,642
4,174*	6,925,624	1,903,117	129	805,126	382,522
			5,911	34,925,754	10,549,802*
N.A.	709,013	N.A.	40,287	3,815,022	4,449,451
) "	504,530	" (	1,852	390,009	294,656
) "	3,032,624	" (	4,441	1,751,534	875,210
"	221,080*	"	17,518	10,300,881	2,869,558
54,821*	4,467,247	2,282,010	13,262	1,172,734	1,373,243
			77,360	17,430,180	9,862,118
N.A.	8,983	N.A.	11	3,641	15,486
) "	3,827	" (	5	155,827	54,502
) "	2,222	" (	15	13,256	4,729
"	199,306	"	68	21,667	41,181
438	214,338	99,019	36	738,729	291,426
			135	933,120	407,324
N.A.	5,692,746	N.A.	692,868*	32,902,801*	33,246,135*
) "	2,283,748	" (	20,258	2,187,958	1,447,285
) "	12,196,634	" (	48,563	9,142,279	4,073,501*
"	1,101,018*	"	186,681	45,522,760	11,272,003
680,599*	21,274,146	12,091,908	99,315	5,711,155	5,675,287
			1,047,685*	95,466,953*	55,714,211*

* Revised.

Sales of Manufactured Gas

March, 1958			Cumulative Totals January to March, 1959		
Customers	Gas Sold	Revenue	Customers	Gas Sold	Revenue
No.	MCF	\$	No.	MCF	\$
281,428	900,088	951,972	28,301	296,705	458,133
570	76,355	77,430	436	34,971	46,544
19,714	300,820	277,803	3,036	155,827	197,999
87	-	2,237	75	-	410
301,799	1,277,263	1,309,442	31,848	487,503	703,086

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