

Based on incomplete reports to the Public Service Commission, all other electric plants in the Philippines selling power to the public produced about 108,000,000 kwh's in the year 1953. This is an increase of about 18,000,000 kwh's, or 20%, which is about the same rate of increase recorded in 1952 over 1951.

There are about 170 companies selling electricity in the Philippines. The approximate output of 6 of the larger provincial plants is shown below. The output of these 6 companies represents nearly 1/2 of the Philippine output, other than the Meralco system.

	1953 Output	1952 Output	Increase
Cebu	14,650,000 KWH	12,500,000 KWH	17%
Baguio	10,450,000 "	5,600,000 "	87%
Iloilo	10,350,000 "	9,300,000 "	11%
Davao	7,000,000 "	6,000,000 "	17%
Bacolod	5,400,000 "	5,000,000 "	8%
Zamboanga	2,000,000 "	1,700,000 "	17%
Total	49,850,000 KWH	40,100,000 KWH	24%

The increase in these cities and elsewhere in the provinces has been at a higher percentage rate than the Manila Electric Company system increase. However, total provincial output was only 17% of Meralco production in 1953.

The following compares the Manila system output with all of the provincial systems' output.

	Manila Electric	Provincial*
1950	458,576,000 KWH	63,000,000 KWH
1951	497,221,000 "	75,000,000 "
1952	557,458,000 "	90,000,000 "
1953	628,357,000 "	108,000,000 "

*Approximations based on incomplete reports.

Real Estate

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REAL ESTATE sales registered in the Greater Manila area during the month of May, 1954, numbered 621, with a total value of P5,891,831, as compared with 551, with a total value of P7,170,328, registered during the preceding month of April.

Of the May sales, 184, with a total value of P2,412,941, represented deals within Manila proper, and 437, with a total value of P3,478,890, were transactions registered in Quezon City, Pasay City, and in the suburban towns of Caloocan, Makati, Malabon-Navotas, Parañaque, Mandaluyong, and San Juan.

A few of the bigger sales registered during the month were:

CITY OF MANILA

Binondo Plaza Cervantes, corner Juan Luna and Desmarinas Sts. A 3-story concrete edifice known as "MRS Building" on a lot of 565.3 sq.m., sold by Carmen Siviano Vda. de Angoco to J. M. Tusson & Co., Inc. for P1,800,000.

Ermita A. Mabini St. A property with a lot of 329.1 sq.m., sold by Natividad Katigbak Vda. de Gaustillo to Pedro Alibudbud for P48,900.

Melate M. H. del Pilar St. A parcel of 637.7 sq.m., sold by La Santa Sede to Apolinario S. de Guzman for P48,639.

Paco Ota St. A tract of 9,015 sq.m., sold by Chus Limco to The Domestic Investments Corporation for P135,234.

Quiapo Oraco St. A 1-story concrete warehouse on a lot of 1,327 sq.m., sold by Vicente Sommes to Co Cusanco & Sons, Inc. for P120,000 (reported sum).

Sampaloc Quezon Boulevard. A parcel of 1,388.5 sq.m., adjacent to the Far Eastern University, sold by the Manila Electric Company to the Far Eastern University for P500,000.

San Nicolas Caballero St. A parcel of 401.7 sq.m., sold by Pablo Cotauco to Co Tuan for P30,000.

Sta. Cruz Gandara St. A property with a lot of 1,733.2 sq.m., sold by Gotsuco Investments Company to Benito Go Bio for P200,953.

Cubao Santolan Road. A tract of 10,444 sq.m., sold by Marina Requiza to Adameson & Adameson, Inc. for P52,220.

Diliman South 19th St. A property with a lot of 835 sq.m., sold by Alberto M. Flores to Lope Quinal for P37,000.

Payatas Estate A tract of 30,898 sq.m., sold by Pilar de Zuzurugui to De Dios Transportation Company for P229,160.

Rosario Heights Baleta Drive. A parcel of 1,586 sq.m., sold by Magdalena Estate to Macario Naval for P35,865.

PASAY CITY
F. B. Harrison St. A property with a lot of 1,168 sq.m., sold by Tomas de Vera to Tranquilina J. de Ortega for P50,000.
Figureos St. A parcel of 2,131 sq.m., sold by Petra O. Mejino to Salustia Vda. de Olasiviel for P42,488.
Luna St. A property with a lot of 342.14 sq.m., sold by Mariano Espeleta to Fanny Ledesma Leason for P50,000.

SUBURBAN TOWNS
Beclaran J. Abad Santos Drive. A parcel of 3,603.6 sq.m., sold by Mariano Florendo to Teresita F. Galor for P58,774.

Caloocan Samsan Road. A parcel of 4,241.2 sq.m., sold by Juan Nakpil to Manuel Pilares for P52,000.

Makati Pasong Tamo. A tract of 5,000 sq.m., sold by San Lorenzo Co., Inc. to Oceanic Commercial Co., Inc. for P70,000.

Malabon Tinajeros-Tugatog. A tract of 47,744 sq.m., sold by Tusson Realty, Inc. to Lirag Textile Mills, Inc. for P153,874.

Paranaque Quirino Ave. A parcel of 1,728.8 sq.m., sold by Rosario M. Vda. de Mendoza to Emiliano C. Ramirez for P65,000.

REAL ESTATE SALES, 1954

	Manila	Quezon City	Pasay City	Suburban Towns	Total
January	P4,757,076	P1,306,427	P505,410	P1,676,512	P8,245,425
February	2,444,703	2,295,413	330,245	1,859,162	6,929,523
March	2,811,805	2,501,229	162,167	2,239,095	7,714,296
April	4,692,440	1,381,842	169,520	976,526	7,170,328
May	2,412,941	1,587,327	246,905	1,644,658	5,891,831

REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES, 1954

January	P6,243,766	P1,308,920	P517,867	P3,629,703	P11,700,256
February	2,980,579	1,891,440	600,810	2,115,852	7,588,816
March	4,400,965	2,132,170	417,390	1,773,031	8,723,556
April	5,606,798	1,392,580	267,850	1,503,990	7,771,218
May	4,148,835	1,991,400	334,300	1,710,865	8,185,400

Building Construction

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DURING the month of April, the Office of the City Engineer approved building permits for construction work amounting to P2,628,820. For the same period in 1953, the volume of work authorized amounted to P4,123,120, in comparison with P3,502,260 in 1952 and P4,857,025 in 1951.

Some of the big projects that were started during the month under review were:

A 2-story semi-concrete office building for Q. Paterno to be erected on Magdalena Street, costing P95,000.

A 1-story re-enforced concrete building for the International Tobacco Co. Inc., at 402-12 Sevilla Street, costing P120,000.

For Bartolome San Diego, a 2-story apartment on Vergara Street, estimated to cost P70,000.

On Alvarado Street, a 3-story office and store building for Cheng Ben Kun, estimated at P50,000.

For Jose Espiritu, a 2-story apartment on San Andres Street, costing P50,000.

On Rizal Avenue, for Manuel Arce, a 2-story commercial building to cost P55,000.

For the Abad Santos family, a 3-story office building on Pennsylvania street, estimated to cost ₱60,000.

As is usually the case at this time of the year, most of the building permits issued are for residential buildings, and this fact accounts for the small volume of construction work during the period under review.

The price of essential materials remained firm. Steel bars are quoted at ₱360 per ton. Galvanized-iron sheets, both corrugated and plain, are selling at ₱6.00 to ₱6.20 per sheet for gauge 26, 8 feet long. Ordinary apitong and tanguile, are quoted at ₱120 to ₱240 per 1,000 bd. ft. Portland cement continued to be very scarce and many construction jobs had to be stopped due to lack of supply. A bag of 94 pounds, sold by the factory at ₱3.40 to ₱3.60, sells at from ₱8 to ₱10 per bag. To remedy the situation, the Central Bank has allocated enough dollars for the importation of 500,000 bags, but reports from Japanese suppliers state that the earliest shipment can be made only in September.

Port of Manila

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THE tonnage of cargo delivered from the South Harbor piers for the month of May totalled 86,000 tons. It is anticipated, at the rate ships are arriving and with the amount of cargo each is bringing, that this tonnage will be greatly increased during the month of June.

The piers are once again in a sadly congested condition and it can be seen that the South Harbor piers are not large enough to handle the volume of imports that has been coming in. As a result of this congestion cargo can often not be located on the pier and deliveries in most cases cannot be made complete at one time. In many cases the cargoes of different ships are mixed together, and this, with the fact that it still takes around five days to have papers processed through the Custom House, adds to the congestion.

From reports in the newspapers it appears that the Customs Bureau is now suffering from lack of funds. In view of the amount of money that the Customs Bureau makes for the Government, the Bureau itself should not have its efficiency jeopardized by lack of funds to pay salaries and other overhead expenses.

As of June, Mr. Edilberto David took over as new Acting Customs Commissioner, taking his oath of office before Executive Secretary Fred Ruiz Castro. Col. Jaime Velasquez still remains as technical adviser to the President on customs affairs. As stated in a previous write-up, Mr. David is an old-timer in the Bureau of Customs. With his large knowledge of customs matters, we feel he should make a good Commissioner. This will be decided when it is seen how much cooperation is given to him by his department heads.

Ocean Shipping and Exports

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TOTAL exports during the month of April this year showed a decrease of 55,814 tons as compared with exports during April of last year; 133 vessels lifted 378,964 tons of exports during the month, as against 434,325 tons lifted by 137 vessels during the same month last year.

The decrease is mainly attributed to a reduction in hemp and iron ore exports.

Exports for April, 1954, as compared with exports during April, 1953, were as follows:

Commodity	1954	1953
Beer.....	40 tons	169 tons
Cigars and cigarettes.....	15 "	17 "
Coconut, desiccated.....	3,041 "	4,125 "
Coconut oil.....	3,860 "	4,234 "
Concentrates containing copper, gold, silver, lead, and zinc.....	383 "	—
Concentrates, copper.....	7,726 "	1,098 "
Copra.....	48,943 "	41,236 "
Copra cake and meal.....	5,460 "	4,079 "
Embroideries.....	260 "	227 "
Empty cylinders.....	114 "	327 "
Fruits, fresh, mangoes.....	531 "	468 "
Furniture, rattan.....	615 "	1,234 "
Glycerine.....	84 "	—
Gums, copal.....	63 "	100 "
Hemp.....	52,751 bales	95,032 bales
Hemp rugs.....	171 tons	—
Household goods and personal effects.....	220 "	188 tons
Junk metal.....	23 "	265 "
Logs.....	32,569,203 bd.ft.	29,822,776 b.ft.
Lumber, sawn.....	5,037,606 "	5,091,293 "

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