

by the Government, the provincial government, and the municipality of Bandoeng. The book value of the entire undertaking, exclusive of renewal and reserve funds at the end of 1928, amounted to 4,865,000 florins. During the same period, a gross revenue of 1,889,000 florins was earned, and a dividend of 12½ per cent was declared on ordinary shares.

The G. E. B. E. O. buys most of its current in bulk from the Government hydroelectric stations in West Java; however, the company owns and operates small stations at Tjiandjoer and Garoet, a hydro-plant of 398-kilowatt capacity at the former, and a Diesel plant of 326-kilowatt capacity at the latter.

With an ample supply of energy available from the Government power plants, the G. E. B. E. O. is concentrating on the extension of its transmission system. At the end of 1929 the company had 544 kilometers of overhead wires as compared with 358 kilometers at the end of 1928. The total number of consumers at the end of 1929 was slightly in excess of 24,000, of whom 10,996 were natives. At the end of the previous year the total number of native consumers was 7,164. The increase during 1929 is an indication that as the distributing systems of the public-utility companies are extended to the native kampongs (villages), a large increase in the number of consumers is to be expected.

SOLOSCHÉ ELECTRICITEIT MAATSCHAPPIJ (S. E. M.)

The S. E. M. has a concession for the supply of electric current in the Solo district in the eastern portion of central Java. The company has a Diesel plant at Soerakarta (or Solo) of 2,238-kilowatt capacity and a small Diesel plant at Lasem of 420-kilowatt capacity. During 1930-31 the company plans to extend its high-tension lines a distance of 40 kilometers to supply small towns in the vicinity of Soerakarta. At the present time the S. E. M. is furnishing light and power to five villages.

The S. E. M. is managed by J. C. Van Aaldaren, Batavia. The book value of the entire undertaking of the company was 1,577,000 florins at the end of 1928. During the same year the S. E. M. shows a profit of 15 per cent on ordinary shares.

ELECTRICITEIT MAATSCHAPPIJ BANJOEMAS (E. M. B.)

The E. M. B. owns and operates three small Diesel plants in central Java in the Banjoemas districts. The company supplies electric current to the following towns: Tjilatjap, Soekaradja, Banjoemas, Poerwokerto, Wonsobo, and Karanganyar.

The E. M. B. is also managed by J. C. Van Aaldaren of Batavia.

OTHER PUBLIC-UTILITY COMPANIES

Other less important public-utility companies are the Electriciteit Maatschappij Rembang, which supplies current to a few small towns along the north coast of central Java; the Electriciteit Maatschappij Sumatra, which holds concessions to supply light and power on the west coast of central Sumatra; the N. V. Boesoekische Electriciteit Maatschappij, which holds concessions for the extreme eastern portion of Java; and the N. V. Electriciteit Maatschappij Bali en Lombok, which supplies current to the villages on the islands of Bali and Lombok, located southeast of Java.