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PUBLIC WORKS AND SERVICE IN 1948

The Ministry of the Interior reports public service projects valued at 2,362,420,000 lei. The work falls into four categories:

1. Water Supply and Drainage

a. Repair and enlargement of the pumping stations of Constanta, Pitesti, Turnu Magurele, Buzau, Ploesti, Campina, Turda, Dje, Targul Mures, Satu-Mare, Oradea, Cluj, and Tulcea.

b. Collecting and conveying spring water in Suceava, Oloesti, Fetesti, Barsad, Tecuci, Predeal, Giurg'u, Timisoara, Arad. In some of these cities, the work has been completed, in others it is still in progress.

c. Building reservoirs in Roman, Bacau, Barlad, Ramnicul Sarat, Brasov, Targu Jiu, Bistrita. Some are completed and some are still in progress.

d. Installations to improve the quality of water (filters, chlorinating plants, settling basins, etc.) in Calarasi, Braila, Predeal, Turnu Magurele, Dje, and Arad.

e. Collecting and conveying spring water and building a new network of aqueducts in the rural districts, especially Feldioara and Crisbar Communes of Brasov Judet.

f. Supplying Vasile Boaita bathing beach with drinking water (drilling of a very deep well still in progress).

g. Preliminary planning of the drinking-water-supply project for Resita.

h. In Bucharest and the surrounding territory the following work has been done: concretizing filters No 10, 11, and 12 at Arcuda; lining of the Arcuda aqueduct (12 kilometers); extending the feeding lines; supplying public institutions with water; extending the sewer system to the workers' quarters; deepening and straightening the Dambovita River; etc.

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The work mentioned above, and other work of less importance, amounted to 830,281,000 lei. Pumping stations distributed 117,312,520 cubic meters of water -- 58,106,000 cubic meters outside Bucharest and 59,206,520 cubic meters in Bucharest and suburbs. The foregoing figures show an increase of 5 percent in the provinces and 10 percent in Bucharest over 1947.

2. Electricity

- a. Keeping power plants in working order -- general repairs to 37 Diesel-operated power plants.
- b. Restoring plants destroyed during the war in Satu-Mare, Botosani, Falticeni, Gura Humorului, Vatra Dornei, Roman, Targul Mures, and Turne Severin.
- c. Modernizing the power-distribution systems in Gura Humorului, Campulung Moldovenesc, Lugoj, Vascau, Periam, and Teius.
- d. Repair of the hydroelectric station in Targul Mures -- work still in progress.
- e. Restoration of hydroelectric stations in Caransebes, Timisoara, Tistrita, and Hateg.
- f. Enlarging the electrical plants in Ramnicul Sarat, Odorhei, Miercurea (Giuc Judet), and Focsani by installing Diesel engines and generators.
- g. Initial construction work on a 4,000-horsepower hydroelectric plant on the Crisul Repede River to supply Oradea-Mare.
- h. Construction of new plants in Basaud and Fetesti.
- i. Purchase of boiler installations at the Braila and Timisoara plants.
- j. Supplying plants with installations (cooling towers, electric pumps, reservoirs, buildings) in Turm Magurske, Salonta, Campulung Moldovenesc, Bucharest, Gura Humorului, Botosani, Bacau, Turnu Severin, Timisoara, Petrosani, Resita, and Gheorghieni.
- k. Restoring and extending the high- and low-tension power lines in Campulung Moldovenesc, Botosani, Gura Humorului, Hateg, Caransebes, Orsova, Petrosani, Resita, Alud, Abrud, Calarasi, Braila, Constanta, Bistrita, Oradea, Targul Mures, Satu-Mare, and Salonta.
 1. Connecting the distribution networks of Giurgiu, Buzau, Ploesti, Calarasi, and Hateg to the regional lines.
- l. Electrification of rural and working centers in Dragoi-Voda (Ialovita Judet), Soani, Poiana Campina (Prahova Judet), Zizin, Tarlungeni, Furcarenii, Badila (Brasov Judet), Simeria Veche, Turdas-Sat, Spini, Baciu-Sat Tampa, Rasdat and the town Rasdat, Upper and Lower Madastia, Ilia (Hunedoara Judet), Covasinti (Arad Judet), and Ceica (Bihar Judet).

The value of the foregoing and other smaller works amounted to 761,000,000 lei. The 1946 kilowatt-hour production [sic] was 110 million, an increase of 9 percent over 1947 production.

3. Improvement of Common Carriers

Streetcars, trolley buses, and autobuses are used for passenger transport in Bucharest, Oradea, Arad, Timisoara, Craiova, Ploesti, Brasov, Braila, Galati, Iasi, Constanta, Cluj, Turda, Resita, Oravita, and Deva.

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- a. Extension of the streetcar and trolley bus lines in Arad and Timisoara.
- b. More extensive use or creation of autobus passenger transport in Suceava, Bacau, Braila, Calarasi, Brasov, Ploesti, Craiova, Oravita, Resita, Arad, and Turda.
- c. Repair and construction of new streetcars in Iasi, Braila, Timisoara, and Arad. In Bucharest: repair of 190 motorcars and trailers, acquisition of 23 new trailers and 3,600 tons of rails, construction of 426 concrete poles, complete overhauling of the wires of the streetcar lines, repair of Bonaparte depot, repairs and improvements on garages and depots, construction of a modern iron foundry, and acquisition of various tools, machinery and equipment, and motor vehicles.

The value of the work done and the equipment acquired amounted to 623,895,000 lei. The number of passengers carried by vehicles outside Bucharest for 1948 was 121,577,000 as against 104 million for 1947, an increase of 16 percent; in Bucharest, there were 432,047,350 passengers in 1948 as against 333,494,221 in 1947, an increase of 33 percent.

4. Street Cleaning and Refuse Disposal

- a. Acquisition of carts and animals in Vaslui, Ramnicul Sarat, Constanta, Ploesti, Buzau, Campina, Giurgiu, and others.
- b. Acquisition and repair of automotive vehicles in Husi, Ramnicul Sarat, Constanta, Craiova, Ploesti, Brasov, Sibiu, and Arad.
- c. Repair of equipment in Iasi, Constanta, Calarasi, Ramnicul Sarat, Tecuci, Buzau, Ploesti, Campina, Timisoara, and Sibiu. In Bucharest, 62 pieces of automotive equipment have been acquired, houses have been repaired, and new construction has been effected.

The value of the foregoing work amounts to 115,440,000 lei, including the new equipment.

Construction of ice plants, dance halls, quarries, etc., outside Bucharest amounted to 25,000,000 lei.

In Bucharest, the work of controlling the Dambovitza River and of strengthening the dams amounted to 8,000,000 lei.

The expenditures on public works and services amounted to 2,363,420,000 [sic] lei in addition to which there was a considerable amount of voluntary labor. Voluntary labor was particularly important in constructing the Arad and Timisoara streetcar lines, installing high-tension lines and distributing stations in the rural areas, repairing the dams at the hydroelectric stations at Targul Mures and Oradea-Mare, supplying Fetesti with water, etc.

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