

14.—Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Electric Departments of Urban Municipalities Served by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the calendar years 1924-1928.

Items.	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
Number of municipalities included.....	241	242	248	251	255
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Earnings—					
Domestic service.....	5,993,231	6,439,160	7,372,603	8,189,867	8,925,051
Commercial light.....	3,566,227	3,866,293	4,187,899	4,626,815	5,182,723
Commercial power.....	6,222,866	6,568,855	6,789,218	7,342,173	8,298,669
Municipal power.....	1,352,966	1,923,093	1,922,512	1,913,503	1,921,301
Street lighting.....	1,356,682	1,415,382	1,457,686	1,489,242	1,534,477
Rural service.....	75,100	37,975	37,811	13,766	48,452
Miscellaneous.....	231,664	286,451	471,134	581,913	465,792
Total earnings.....	18,793,723	20,537,209	22,238,863	24,157,279	26,376,465
Expenses—					
Power purchased.....	9,669,789	11,063,123	12,185,669	13,505,584	14,688,570
Substation operation.....	430,056	417,922	450,417	430,212	420,512
Substation maintenance.....	202,050	207,498	286,520	275,149	247,648
Distribution system, operation and maintenance.....	648,701	686,345	795,515	758,747	736,160
Line transformer maintenance.....	82,937	75,473	74,876	94,706	88,676
Meter maintenance.....	141,231	156,909	189,604	214,814	218,531
Consumers' premises expenses.....	237,316	252,808	275,021	285,353	291,333
Street lighting, operation and maintenance.....	269,973	275,317	295,869	318,396	329,597
Promotion of business.....	202,061	217,102	234,697	220,687	249,842
Billing and collecting.....	490,273	521,134	557,271	605,627	638,797
General office, salaries and expenses....	889,908	891,640	786,743	824,869	844,578
Undistributed expense.....	494,079	520,585	460,288	531,004	542,755
Interest.....	1,779,991	1,389,811	1,935,234	2,063,698	2,111,050
Sinking fund and principal payments on debentures.....	1,122,799	1,294,027	1,347,512	1,505,626	1,601,711
Total expenses.....	16,661,164	18,469,694	19,925,236	21,634,472	23,009,761
Surplus.....	2,137,559	2,067,515	2,313,627	2,522,807	3,366,704
Depreciation charge.....	973,649	1,068,881	1,146,273	1,249,712	1,350,252
Surplus less depreciation.....	1,163,910	998,634	1,167,354	1,273,095	2,016,452

Rural Electrical Service in Ontario.—During the past few years substantial progress has been made in Ontario in the field of rural electrification and the Commission's rural operations are now an important feature of its work. Towards this rural work the Ontario Government, pursuant to its policy of promoting the basic industry of agriculture, contributes, in the form of "grants-in-aid", 50 p.c. of the initial capital cost of distribution lines and equipment. Rural extensions are now being made at the rate of about 1,000 miles per year. Below will be found statistics relating to rural electrical distribution systems operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

15.—Statistics Relating to Electrical Service in Rural Power Districts Operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, years ended Oct. 31, 1925-1928.

Items.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.
No. of rural power districts.....	—	—	120	131
No. of townships served.....	—	—	211	233
No. of consumers.....	13,899	18,854	25,283	31,063
Miles of primary distribution lines.....	1,525	2,277	2,850	3,790
Horse-power supplied.....	5,574	7,434	13,273	16,980
Revenue from consumers.....	\$ 566,212	\$ 743,133	\$ 1,032,558	\$ 1,342,625
Total expenses.....	\$ 476,729	\$ 604,931	\$ 880,940	\$ 1,290,500
Net surplus.....	\$ 89,483	\$ 138,202	\$ 143,618	\$ 52,125
Capital invested, total.....	\$ 2,658,515	\$ 4,005,164	\$ 5,469,179	\$ 7,298,284
Provincial grants-in-aid, total.....	\$ 1,270,507	\$ 1,985,580	\$ 2,718,727	\$ 3,628,146