

13.—Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Electric Departments of Urban Municipalities Served by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the calendar years 1926-30.

Item.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Number of Municipalities Included.....	248	251	255	259	267
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Earnings—					
Domestic service.....	7,372,603	8,189,867	8,925,051	9,873,682	10,542,904
Commercial light service.....	4,187,899	4,626,815	5,182,723	5,697,766	5,961,363
Commercial power service.....	6,789,218	7,342,173	8,298,669	9,376,159	9,340,653
Municipal power.....	1,022,512	1,913,503	1,921,301	2,086,444	2,111,482
Street lighting.....	1,457,686	1,489,242	1,534,477	1,598,262	1,674,528
Rural service.....	37,811	12,766	48,452 ¹	51,591 ¹	28,955 ¹
Miscellaneous.....	471,134	581,913	465,792	522,781	581,916
Totals, Earnings.....	22,238,643	24,157,379	26,376,465	29,206,685	30,241,620
Expenses—					
Power purchased.....	12,185,669	13,505,584	14,688,570	16,379,163	17,323,078
Substation operation.....	450,417	430,212	420,512	461,270	479,503
Substation maintenance.....	286,520	275,149	247,648	274,276	320,717
Distribution system, operation and maintenance.....	795,515	758,747	736,160	907,817	991,973
Line transformer maintenance.....	74,876	94,706	88,676	93,608	96,746
Meter maintenance.....	189,604	214,814	218,531	242,126	278,379
Consumers' premises expenses.....	275,021	285,353	291,833	314,495	317,902
Street lighting, operation and maintenance.....	295,869	318,396	329,597	359,373	372,211
Promotion of business.....	234,667	230,687	249,842	250,844	249,070
Billing and collecting.....	557,271	605,627	633,797	695,729	745,159
General office, salaries and expenses.....	786,743	824,869	844,578	904,026	907,227
Undistributed expense.....	460,258	531,004	542,755	502,206	523,863
Truck operation and maintenance.....	-	-	-	119,631	112,030
Interest.....	1,985,234	2,063,698	2,111,050	2,152,695	2,220,214
Sinking fund and principal payments on debentures.....	1,347,512	1,505,626	1,661,711	1,687,262	1,828,062
Totals, Expenses.....	19,925,236	21,634,472	23,009,761	25,335,462	26,766,134
Surpluses.....	2,313,627	2,522,807	3,366,704	3,871,223	3,475,686
Depreciation charges.....	1,146,273	1,243,712	1,350,252	1,469,847	1,574,992
Surpluses less depreciation charges.....	1,167,354	1,279,095	2,016,452	2,401,376	1,900,694

¹Profits from sale of merchandise. Rural service now given in "rural power districts".

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. In 1930 the Ontario legislature passed two additional Acts relating to rural service. The Rural Power District Loans Act, 1930, provides for advances up to \$1,000 to actual owners of lands and premises in rural power districts, for the installation of electrical wiring and the purchase of equipment. The Rural Power District Service Charge Act, 1930, provides for the fixing of low maximum service charges for all classes of rural service. Below will be found statistics relating to rural electrical distribution systems operated by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. A rapid rate of increase is obvious from the statistics of this table also.