

13.—Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Electric Departments of Urban Municipalities Served by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission for the calendar years 1927-31.

Item.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Number of Municipalities Included.....	251	255	259	267	275
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Earnings—					
Domestic service.....	8,189,867	8,925,951	9,873,682	10,542,804	10,972,952
Commercial light service.....	4,626,815	5,182,723	5,697,766	5,961,383	6,230,476
Commercial power service.....	7,342,173	8,298,869	9,376,159	9,340,653	9,456,225
Municipal power.....	1,913,503	1,921,301	2,086,444	2,111,482	1,967,119
Street lighting.....	1,489,242	1,534,477	1,598,262	1,674,528	1,746,885
Sale of merchandise.....	13,766 ¹	48,452	51,591	28,955	29,446
Miscellaneous.....	581,913	465,792	522,781	581,915	511,140
Totals, Earnings.....	24,157,279	26,376,465	29,206,685	30,241,820	30,914,213
Expenses—					
Power purchased.....	13,505,584	14,688,570	16,379,163	17,323,078	18,085,167
Substation operation.....	430,212	420,512	461,270	479,503	487,484
Substation maintenance.....	275,149	247,648	274,276	320,717	303,536
Distribution system, operation and maintenance.....	758,747	738,160	907,817	991,973	1,015,256
Line transformer maintenance.....	94,706	88,676	93,698	96,746	93,463
Meter maintenance.....	214,814	218,531	242,128	278,379	284,634
Consumers' premises expenses.....	285,353	291,333	314,495	317,902	363,078
Street lighting, operation and maintenance.....	318,396	329,597	359,373	372,211	368,120
Promotion of business.....	220,687	249,842	250,844	249,070	255,956
Billing and collecting.....	605,627	638,797	695,729	745,159	792,984
General office, salaries and expenses.....	324,869	344,578	394,026	407,237	323,877
Undistributed expense.....	531,004	542,755	502,206	523,863	520,893
Truck operation and maintenance.....	-	-	110,631	112,030	107,919
Interest.....	2,063,698	2,111,050	2,152,695	2,220,214	2,328,094
Sinking fund and principal payments or debentures.....	1,505,626	1,601,711	1,687,202	1,828,062	2,061,719
Totals, Expenses.....	21,634,472	23,009,761	25,325,467	26,766,134	27,991,980
Surpluses.....	2,522,807	3,366,704	3,871,223	3,475,686	2,922,233
Depreciation charges.....	1,249,712	1,350,252	1,469,847	1,574,992	1,755,719
Surpluses less depreciation charges.....	1,273,095	2,016,452	2,401,376	1,900,694	1,166,514

¹ Relates to rural service which is 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. In Table 14 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 these statistics.