

13.—Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Electric Departments of Urban Municipalities Served by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, calendar years 1929-33.

Item.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.
Numbers of municipalities included.....	259	267	275	280	282
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Earnings—					
Domestic service.....	9,873,682	10,542,904	10,972,952	11,447,308	11,429,101
Commercial light service.....	5,697,766	5,961,383	6,230,476	6,243,794	6,013,026
Commercial power service.....	9,376,159	9,340,653	9,456,225	9,356,694	9,080,522
Municipal power.....	2,086,444	2,111,482	1,967,119	1,859,585	1,826,872
Street lighting.....	1,598,262	1,674,528	1,746,855	1,783,973	1,779,583
Sale of merchandise.....	51,591	28,955	29,446	11,069	12,813
Miscellaneous.....	522,781	581,915	511,140	513,787	485,925
Totals, Earnings.....	29,206,685	30,241,820	30,914,213	31,216,210	30,627,842
Expenses—					
Power purchased.....	16,379,163	17,323,078	18,085,167	19,109,036	19,330,862
Substation operation.....	461,270	479,503	487,484	503,352	484,765
Substation maintenance.....	274,276	320,717	303,536	300,186	288,583
Distribution system, operation and maintenance.....	907,817	991,973	1,015,256	969,750	895,351
Line transformer maintenance.....	93,608	96,746	93,463	95,485	82,321
Meter maintenance.....	242,126	278,379	284,634	300,105	283,116
Consumers' premises expenses.....	314,495	317,902	363,078	368,209	361,499
Street lighting, operation and maintenance.....	359,373	372,211	368,120	360,710	353,082
Promotion of business.....	250,844	249,070	255,956	266,761	259,937
Billing and collecting.....	695,729	745,159	792,984	818,721	817,660
General office, salaries and expenses.....	904,026	907,227	923,677	960,559	908,518
Undistributed expenses.....	502,206	523,863	520,893	436,693	349,101
Truck operation and maintenance.....	110,631	112,030	107,919	112,060	105,453
Interest.....	2,152,695	2,220,214	2,328,094	2,532,941	2,426,286
Sinking funds and principal payments on debentures.....	1,687,202	1,828,062	2,061,719	2,244,368	2,319,319
Totals, Expenses.....	25,335,462	26,766,134	27,991,950	29,378,936	29,265,853
Surpluses.....	3,871,223	3,475,686	2,922,233	1,837,274	1,361,989
Depreciation charges.....	1,469,847	1,574,992	1,755,719	1,920,896	1,989,000
Surpluses less depreciation charges.....	2,401,376	1,900,694	1,166,514	-83,622	-627,011

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.