

13.—Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Electrical Departments of Urban Municipalities Served by the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission, calendar years 1932-36.

Item.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.
Numbers of municipalities included.....	280	282	282	284	284
Earnings—	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Domestic service.....	11,447,308	11,429,101	11,844,033	12,145,220	12,682,140
Commercial light service.....	6,243,794	6,013,026	6,206,086	6,458,748	6,815,439
Commercial power service.....	9,356,694	9,080,522	9,692,784	10,211,969	10,694,192
Municipal power.....	1,859,585	1,826,872	1,875,970	1,821,286	1,817,987
Street lighting.....	1,783,973	1,779,583	1,777,597	1,788,760	1,799,421
Rural service—merchandise ¹	11,069	12,813	18,748	21,670	23,159
Miscellaneous.....	513,787	485,925	555,172	562,286	575,826
Totals, Earnings.....	31,216,210	30,627,842	31,970,390	33,009,939	34,408,164
Expenses—					
Power purchased.....	19,109,036	19,330,862	19,591,888	20,053,677	20,486,583
Substation operation.....	503,352	484,765	468,944	478,814	478,856
Substation maintenance.....	300,186	288,583	296,551	297,127	301,897
Distribution systems, operation and maintenance.....	969,750	895,351	844,814	840,634	855,576
Line transformer maintenance.....	95,485	82,321	75,172	70,750	72,712
Meter maintenance.....	300,105	283,116	291,403	313,234	328,411
Consumers' premises expense.....	368,209	361,499	352,499	340,762	306,645
Street lighting, operation, and maintenance.....	360,710	353,082	338,785	340,120	356,932
Promotion of business.....	266,761	259,937	228,741	252,648	288,339
Billing and collecting.....	818,721	817,660	827,860	835,376	945,893
General office, salaries, and expenses...	960,559	908,518	908,040	943,880	967,269
Undistributed expense.....	436,693	349,101	362,322	360,677	448,333
Truck operation and maintenance.....	112,060	105,453	98,082	95,151	69,805
Interest.....	2,532,941	2,426,286	2,204,994	2,040,130	1,893,304
Sinking fund and principal payments on debentures.....	2,244,368	2,319,319	2,358,169	2,423,088	2,448,223
Totals, Expenses.....	29,378,936	29,265,853	29,248,264	29,686,068	30,248,778
Surpluses.....	1,837,274	1,361,989	2,722,126	3,323,871	4,159,386
Depreciation charges.....	1,920,896	1,989,000	2,036,637	2,076,322	2,230,022
Surpluses less depreciation charges.....	-83,622	-627,011	685,489	1,247,549	1,929,364

¹ Profits from the sale of merchandise.

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 farm 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 steady rate of increase is apparent from these statistics.