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Richmond Hill's reserve and surplus are totalled to the latest Ontario Hydro report at \$39,500 and are itemized as follows:

Reserve for equity in Hydro System \$11,186; reserve for depreciation on local plant \$1,880; debentures paid \$9,178; operating surplus \$17,254.

Richmond Hill's liquid Hydro assets exceed liabilities and the municipality is among the growing number that are considered "out of debt."

Richmond Hill's Hydro users increased last year by 14 to 424; average horsepower used was 314.2; total revenue was \$14,298 as against \$12,494 in 1927; lighting revenue was \$10,586 as against \$7,990 in 1927; kilowatt hours sold for lighting were 614,319 as against 302,223 in 1927; and plant capital is now valued at \$26,143 as against \$19,210 in 1927.

The average cost of Richmond Hill lighting consumers last year was 1.72 cents per kilowatt as against 2.64 cents in 1927 and an average of over 5 cents in even larger United States cities served by private power.

In the Provincial Hydro field the audited accounts of the Provincial Hydro Commission this year show that the 1935 \$3,000,000 Hydro deficit has been transformed into a \$3,000,000 profit during 1936.

This has been made possible by the revision of the Quebec power contracts, which, as originally drawn, would have committed the Ontario Hydro Commission to the purchase of 706,000 horsepower of Quebec electricity at a cost of \$882,000 during October alone.

Under the revised terms of the Quebec contracts Hydro bought during October only 300,000 horsepower at a total expenditure of but \$191,854, or a saving to the people's Hydro business of \$690,654.84 for that one month alone. Hydro forecasts an \$8,233,000 saving during the fiscal year just commenced due to contract revision.

Of the 300,000 horsepower of Quebec electricity purchased during October, 160,000 horsepower was unused and stands as "reserve power." Hydro's "reserve power" supply is greater than the 15 per cent generally regarded throughout the continent as normal, safe, reserve.

Best information from Hydro is that Ontario's power rates would have had to rise 25 to 30 per cent to carry the load of commitments under the original Quebec power contracts. Instead of an increase in power costs, however, the Niagara municipalities have just been granted a \$2.50 per horsepower decrease—and may receive another cut.

The difference to Ontario industry and industrial workers between a 25 per cent increase and the \$2.50 reduction is of enormous commercial importance to all Canada.

While Ontario homes and industry admittedly could never have afforded to have used so much electricity at old private power rates, the difference between those old rates and Hydro charges down through the Hydro years now totals close to \$800,000,000.

TO PRESENT PLAY
"Mama's Baby Boy", a riot of laughs in three acts will be presented by the Anglican Young People's Association in the Masonic Hall Saturday, Dec. 12th at 8.15 p.m. Plan for reserved seats at Glenn's Drug

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FORTY YEARS AGO
From our Issue of December 10, 1896
Mr. Franklin E. Smith and Miss Fannie Bowes were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Anthony Bowes, Concord, on the 25th ult.

Master Murray Sheppard, while playing with some of his school-mates a few days ago, got his collar bone cracked, and now has to go about with his arm in a sling.

As Mr. Jonathan Slater, reeve of Markham Township, and present Warden of the County, will be a candidate for the new County Council, it is altogether likely that Mr. Walter Scott, 1st deputy reeve, will be asked to step up into the reeveship.

A new steel bridge will be built over the Don at York Mills. The bridge will have a span of 80 feet over a new channel and the cost will be \$11,000 in addition to land damages. There will be joint foundations for the county and street railway bridges, but separate super-structures.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Square Off-Hand Rifle Club was held at Wm. Meek's hotel on the evening of Saturday, December 5th, President J. C. Jenkins in the chair. After the reading and adoption of the minutes and the treasurer's report, the following officers were elected: President, J. C. Jenkins; Vice-President, A. Quantz; Sec. Treas., Lou G. Stoutenburgh; Managing Committee, George Brown, James Lever, W. Scott, Robert Agar, Geo. Mustard. The club decided to meet every 1st and 3rd Saturday in the month, shooting to commence at 2 o'clock sharp. The club is open to receive challenges from organized teams. Would prefer to have matches early in the season.

North Toronto still talks of taking action against the county in order to quash the by-law which granted the Metropolitan Railway Company an extension of time in which to complete the electric service to this Village. They also threaten to test the legality of the arrangements whereby 15 years was granted the Metropolitan as an extension of their former franchise.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From our Issue of December 6, 1906
Mr. Murray McLean, who had a severe attack of typhoid, has so far recovered as to be able to walk around the house.

Mr. George Cowie, librarian of the Public Library, was confined to his house all of last week with la grippe but is able to be around again.

Mr. Holmes Crosby and his friend Mr. Archie Palmer took a trip to Toronto Saturday afternoon by way of the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway. Their expressed opinion is the same as others who have taken the trip that much of the scenery between this place and the city is delightfully picturesque. The coaches are splendidly equipped, and the officials are courteous and obliging.

The annual meeting of the Richmond Hill Beef Ring was held at the Palmer House on Saturday. All reverts went to show another very successful season. Mr. J. N. Boyle was elected president, and Mr. George Redditt secretary-treasurer. The association has been running 11 years. The members decided on Saturday to purchase at the end of the next season four additional cattle so as to extend the season four weeks after the regular season of 16 weeks has ended. Mr. W. H. Clubine, Mr. T. Cook, the president and the secretary were appointed a committee to purchase the cattle.

On Wednesday of last week a gang of surveyors struck Edgeley. They were surveying for a road from Owen Sound via Meaford, Shelburne, etc. Some would like to see the road built, while others, whose property it crosses, would like to see it go in another direction.

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