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**PROFITABLE YEAR FOR
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President Fasken Says Revenues
Were Largest in History of
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The report for the past year of the Northern Ontario Light and Power Co. seems to be an eminently satisfactory one. The Northern Ontario Light and Power Co., Ltd., for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1924, improved its position in almost all departments. The operating revenues amounted to \$1,295,820.94, an increase of \$248,580.95, or 26.74 per cent. The operating income was not as large as it might have been, owing to the fact that the operating expenses, which totalled \$567,135.89, showed an increase of \$208,292.76 or 58.05 per cent. For this reason the operating income, while larger than the previous year, amounted to only \$728,685.05, indicating an increase of \$40,288.19, or 5.85 per cent., in the 12 months. Other sources of income aggregated \$31,932.21, a decrease of \$32,961.57, or 51.54 per cent. Total income was consequently, \$760,617.26, a gain of \$6,326.62 or 84 per cent. After making the necessary deductions for bond interest and bad accounts, totalling \$292,853.36 in all, an increase in the year of \$13,992.60, or 5.02 per cent., the profits for the year, reached the sum of \$467,763.90, a decrease of \$7,665.98 or 1.61 per cent.

The surplus forward from the previous year, including adjustments, amounted to \$568,603.20, which, with a pulpwood inventory adjustment of \$11,060.31, gave a total surplus of \$1,047,427.41, an increase of \$25,358.30, or 2.48 per cent. Dividends on the preferred stock amounted to \$357,420, and \$215,000 was transferred to reserves, a total of \$572,420, leaving a surplus at the end of the year of \$475,007.41, compared with \$568,617.11, at the end of 1923, a decrease of \$93,609.70, or 16.46 per cent. Out of profit and loss account there has been added to the reserve for general depreciation the sum of \$200,000, and to provide for taxes there has been added to the reserve for the account the sum of \$15,000.

During the year \$246,230.79 were expended on extensions, additions and improvements to the company's properties. The provision of the trust deed in connection with the sinking fund have been met by delivery of \$172,000 of bonds to the trusts, which have been duly cancelled. The assets of the company now total \$14,750,460.56.

Mr. David Fasken, the president, says that the revenues for 1924 were the largest in the history of the company, although the earnings from the pulp mill were less than in 1923, owing to the lower price received for ground wood. The apparent increase in operating expenses resulted from the inclusion of the pulp mill previously operated as a separate unit and charged for power. The decrease in other income results from elimination of interest charged against the pulp mill in 1923.

All arrears of preferred stock have been paid. The second 44,000-volt transmission line to Kirkland Lake has been completed, and is in satisfactory operation.

**FOWL THROWN OFF ROOST
BY QUAKE AT UNO PARK**

Saturday evening there were few who would suggest that an earthquake shock had been felt in this district. Sunday morning a few folks wondered if the tremor they thought they had felt was from the earthquake referred to in the radio broadcasts. Sunday night it was a common thing to say: "Well, did you feel that earthquake last night?" Monday at noon the good news was: "That was a bad earthquake we had on Saturday night!" In a week or two the earthquake will be a very serious visitation, and by Christmas there will, perhaps, be scores of lives snuffed out in the North Land by the tremors of the earth. Apparently, the longer it goes, the worse it gets. There are a lot of human people in the North Land. For instance here is what a Uno Park correspondent has to say of that rhapsodical old earthquake:—"No little excitement was caused on Saturday night at 9.22 when, for a period of from ten to fifteen seconds, buildings wavered distinctly, north and south from the effects of an earthquake. Pictures swayed, furniture on castors shifted, rocking chairs rocked in an uncanny manner and doors swung to and fro. People who had retired for the night were fairly shaken from their beds and considerable alarm was felt, many believing that the storm outside had turned to a cyclone or that the foundations of their houses had given way in some manner.

Telephones were soon busy however, and reports from outside points established the fact that the unusual tremor had been fairly general all over the country. Poultry houses on the farms in this vicinity went in an up-roar immediately after the shaking up as the fowls flew about in terror. One pen of fifteen or more White Leghorns, an extra nervous variety apparently went into a panic when shaken from their roosts and crashed through the windows out into the storm where they were found the following morning scattered around for a hundred yards, all more or less severely frozen.

"This is the second earth tremor to have been felt in Temiskaming, one occurring about five years ago at about the same time of year but not nearly so severe."

And Wabewawa has not been heard from yet in the matter!

**NATIONAL TO BUILD INTO
ROUYN DURING SUMMER.**

Present indications suggest that the Canadian National Railway will be the first into the Rouyn field unless the T. & N.O. moves at once or sooner. At Quebec City last week an official announcement was made by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, that the construction of a branch line from Macamik to the Township of Rouyn would be started without delay.

The new branch line will run south from Macamik, or O'Brien, for a distance of about 40 miles, into the heart of the gold fields.

**DEATH OF FATHER OF MR.
T. KELLY AT NORTH BAY.**

Last week's North Bay Nugget makes the following reference to the death of Mr. T. Kelly's father at North Bay, Tuesday evening, Feb. 24th.

"A member of another well-known North Bay family was called to rest, this week, in the person of Matthias Kelly, Sr., who passed away at his late residence 37 Metcalfe Street, about 10 o'clock Tuesday evening. Deceased had been in poor health for the past three years and for the past six months had been confined to his bed at intervals, following an unsuccessful operation. Deceased was born at Allumette Island, Que., in 1854 and resided there until 1904 when he moved to North Bay with his family. The late Mr. Kelly had lived a semi-retired life since coming to North Bay but had made many friends who will join in sympathy for the bereaved wife and family. Ten children are left to mourn his loss. They are Phillip of Schrieber; Matthias J. of North Bay; Michael, of North Bay; Thomas of Moose Jaw, Sask; Terrence, of Timmins; Sister Matthias, of Sault Ste. Marie; Mrs. Thomas Burrell and Mrs. George O'Toole, of North Bay; Frances and Cecelia at home. Two brothers and two sisters, residing at Allumette Island, also survive. Among those who attended the funeral this morning, were Mrs. A. J. Brennan and Mark Brennan, of Pembroke; Mrs. J. McCullough, Sault Ste. Marie, and J. A. Brennan of Ottawa. The funeral was held from St. Mary's Church to the R. C. Cemetery with the Rev. Fr. Kennedy officiating. The high esteem in which deceased was held was expressed by the numerous spiritual and floral offerings."

Mr. Wm. Eaglen, of Buffalo, N. Y., was a visitor to town last week.

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