The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario

In 1907 the Provincial Legislature passed an Act known as the Power Commission Act, authorizing one or more municipalities in the Province, individually and jointly, through a Commission, to generate, transmit and deliver power. Under this legislation it was arranged that the cost of such work should be financed by loans of the Provincial Government, the loans to be secured by a lien on the property of the municipalities entering into the partnership scheme, due provision being made to return these loans at the end of thirty years. This action on the part of the Provincial Legislature was taken as the result of a favorable report submitted to the Legislature by the "Ontario Power Commission," appointed at an earlier date by the Provincial Government to investigate the proposition of purchasing, generating and transmitting power from Niagara Falls to the municipalities in southwestern Ontario.

The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is appointed by the Provincial Government to act as trustee and administrator for the municipalities which have signed contracts with the Commission for their power supply and become partners in the co-operative municipal scheme by which each municipality receives power at *cost*.

An Ontario Farm supplied with Light and Power by the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

Each municipality having a contract with the Commission pays in its power bill not only the cost of power generated at the source of supply, but also a proportionate part of all interest charges, sinking fund charges, maintenance, renewals, and all other charges applicable to any business, on the expenditure necessary to transform and transmit the