

THE late Goldwin Smith in his book "Canada and the Canadians" defined the Canadian Farmer's economies by saying that he sold all of his produce that was fit to sell and consumed the rest.

The farmer of today has no such limitations. He is sure of a market for all he produces and he consumes the best.

Within the last thirty years the price of farm lands in Biddulph have doubled. Land that could then be bought for \$40 or \$50 per acre is now worth \$70 an acre, and the question may be asked "Why." Because it produces more. The general prosperity of the country has called into being a bigger home market right at our doors. Prices of farm productions have gone up, and the farmer in order to increase his production is compelled to invest more in his farming operations.

His farm is now better drained, better fenced and better buildings. Has better roads, better schools, better teachers, better churches and perhaps better preachers. but for last, I won't vouch. So far as the Township of Biddulph is concerned we have no complaints to make and everything to be thankful for.

Along our roads are the poles and wires of rural telephones, connecting with many of our farm houses. We have rural mail delivery. We have motor cars calling daily in season for our cream and delivering goods ordered on the telephone, and pleasure automobiles are not entirely unknown to our Biddulph farmers. He is able to market his wheat, hogs and everything he has to sell almost at his door.

The Township is now looking forward to the advent of electric power from the Historical Falls of Niagara, to in the near future greatly assist the farmers and others in their work. It will not be as great a change as has taken place in the last twenty-five years.

One of the evidences of progress in this highly favored municipality is that the rural telephone has already entered the homes of many of our citizens and will in the near future be in every home.

The rural mail delivery is now an accomplished fact, and passes by the door of every citizen at a mere nominal expense, so that with the telephone and rural mail delivery our people have many of the comforts and conveniences of city life.

It is very noticeable that nearly every house gets their