

## Railway Communications

THE Township is intersected from her Eastern extremity to her Western boundary by that Great Historical Road, the "Grand Trunk Railway of Canada," and from the South to the North in close proximity to the municipality is the London, Huron & Bruce Railway, besides being within a few miles of that Great Steel Belt that runs through this Dominion from the Atlantic to the Pacific, "The Canada Pacific Railway."

Within the borders of Biddulph are the prosperous villages of Granton, Lucan and Clandeboye, on the G. T. R. and L., H. & B. Railway, and within thirty minutes drive of any of the villages of Exeter, Centralia and Denfield. There are excellent markets in each of these villages and towns for all kinds of farm produce as well as for live stock of every kind. There cannot be any better markets found in the Dominion and practically at the door of every farmer in the Township.

The farmers of Biddulph are now going extensively into mixed farming—every condition is entirely favorable for such enterprise. Our lands are rich and pastures are generally excellent. Hogs are a paying line of animals,—consequently large quantities of peas, barley, oats and corn are raised and fed on the farm, thus enriching the land by the return of the manure.

## First White Settlers

THE first white settlers were from Ireland and afterwards from England and Scotland. The old pioneers are now well nigh extinct only a few remaining.

The religious denominations were as reported by the census returns of 1911, as follows: Roman Catholic, 536; Church of England, 630; Methodists, 535; Presbyterians, 223; other denominations, 18, making a total of 1942.

The church of England was the first to establish a permanent church, perhaps 60 years ago. The Roman Catholic's built their church about the same time. The itinerent Methodist preacher was on the ground about the same time, but didn't build a church until later on. The Presbyterians were of a later advent.

The church of England have now three permanent churches, besides one in the Village of Lucan. The Methodist