

has been accomplished without selling a debenture or creating a debt. In 1911 over \$7,000 was expended in permanent improvements on the roads and bridges without creating a debt. Truly Biddulph people and municipal men of the day have shown a courageous spirit, and faith in themselves, their township, their country, and in the God of Heaven. They have handed down to the present generation an unmortgaged municipality second to none in the Province of Ontario, now served with good roads, steel bridges, telephones, rural mail routes, and railways, with electrical light and power, generated at the historic Falls of Niagara, well in sight. Surely such progress is wonderful. A great deal of this favorable condition is the result of the economical and careful manner in which the municipal councils in the early days of our municipal history conducted the affairs of the Township. As a result of their prudent and wise counsels we of to-day are in a position to keep abreast of every modern improvement, especially in further improving our highways, and in taking advantage of any Government proposal, such as rural mail delivery, hydro-electric power, specialists in agriculture, or any other innovation that spells progress.

## Fertility of the Soil

The Township of Biddulph is purely an agricultural township. The quality of the soil is unsurpassed in the Dominion of Canada for either grain or mixed farming, being a rich clay loam, well adapted for almost any kind of crop. The system of farming has of late undergone what might be styled as revolution. From the earliest days down to recent years farmers raised little else than grain, particularly wheat. This they have largely abandoned, having been educated in the science of successful farming. While they still grow large quantities of grain, the coarser kinds are now fed on the farm, to hogs, cattle, and horses. The acreage of root crops and silo corn has