

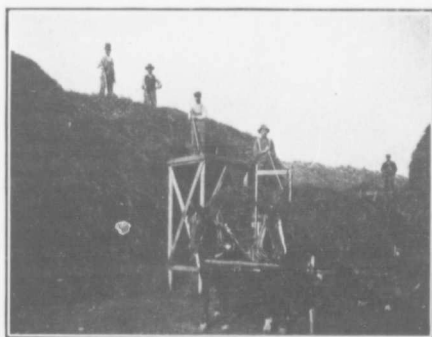
oil refinery, stave and hoop mill, knitting factory, yarn factory, evaporator, canning factory, two flax mills, brick and tile yards, and other important concerns.

Attractive inducements are offered to industries, and some excellent sites for prospective manufacturing concerns are available. The surrounding country is very productive with the very best soil.

Wallaceburg is an attractive residential location. It possesses churches of all denominations; excellent school accommodation and equipment, both public and separate; paved streets, electric lighting and telephone service. Waterworks service is being extended throughout the town at a cost of \$130,000.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP

Chatham is first in population and second in point of area among the townships of Kent. Situated north of the River Thames, it is one of the four town-



Splendid Yields of Flax.

ships that corner on the large commercial centre, the city of Chatham. Wallaceburg and Dresden, toward the northwestern end of the township, also provide markets and shipping centres for its products.

Railway facilities are excellent. The Pere Marquette railway runs diagonally across the township, while the Canadian Pacific crosses the southern portion. The Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie line is just beyond the western boundary. Hence, no part of the township is far from a shipping centre.

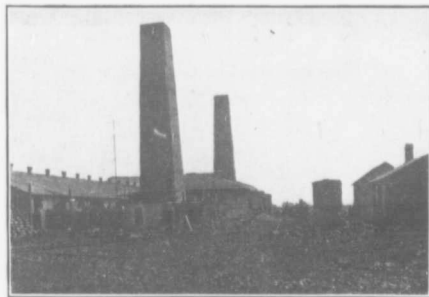
The soil consists of an alluvial clay loam overlaid in some places with sandy loam. This land, now nearly all under cultivation, is nevertheless almost virgin soil. Our fathers still living see their sons growing splendid crops of oats, wheat, barley, corn, flax, beans, alfalfa, tobacco, potatoes and sugar beets where they in their own time, cut down the gigantic oaks, elms, black ash, beech and maple of the primeval forest.

Mixed farming has thus far taken the lead, although some have engaged extensively in the breeding of heavy horses, and in beef and pork production. Dairying and fruit growing have not as yet reached the proportions they ultimately must in a township where corn and alfalfa are grown so luxuriantly.

Chatham and Dresden, close at hand, have both large canning factories, and vegetables are extensively grown in the vicinity of these centres. Yet there is urgent need of greater production along these lines, the capacity of the canneries far exceeding the supply.

No land is more easily drained than that of Chatham township. The large creeks afford excellent natural outlets and reduce the expense of drainage to a very low figure. Farmers throughout the township are fully alive to the benefit of tile drainage, which is shown by the tiling machines owned and operated by companies of farmers.

The land values are at present for unimproved land from \$60 to \$70 per acre, and for farms im-



Tile Plant in Romney.

proved with tile and buildings from \$80 to \$100 per acre. These comparatively low prices are, however, rapidly advancing.

ROMNEY TOWNSHIP

Romney, the most southerly township of Kent, comprises about 27,000 acres. With a coast line on Lake Erie of 12 miles, very little of the township being more than two miles inland, climatic conditions, as a result of this and the southerly latitude, are very favorable, ensuring an extra week of growing weather. The soil varies from sand and gravel soil near the lake to a rich black loam further inland, the loam being admirably adapted to the growing of corn, wheat, oats, barley, timothy, clover and similar crops, while the lighter soil near the lake is especially suitable for peaches, small fruits, early vegetables and tobacco.

Not the least of the advantages of this favored