

of 300 subscribers. Thamesville fall fair draws visitors and exhibitors from all parts of Western Ontario. The splendid fair grounds have a race track second to none in Canada. Another valuable asset is The Thamesville Herald, a live, well edited weekly newspaper.

Among Thamesville's flourishing industries are a saw mill, brick and tile yard, planing mill, grist mill, creamery, poultry killing station, canning factory and cooperage shop. It has, besides, two grain elevators, large hog shipping yards, and two produce exporters.

The close proximity of the battlefield of Moraviantown, not two miles away, where the great Indian chief, Tecumseh, met his death in 1813, gives Thamesville a more than ordinary historic interest.

Full particulars regarding the town, its inducements for small industries, and the fruit-growing and farming opportunities of the surrounding country will be cheerfully furnished by either the president or the secretary of the Thamesville board of trade.

RIDGETOWN

Situated in the midst of the great bean, fruit and tobacco belt, Ridgertown has an excellent territory to draw from, is making notable progress and has a bright future. Located high and dry on the Ridge, five miles from Lake Erie, it is clean, attractive, healthy and a pleasant place to live. Its front street is solidly built up with brick business blocks; its residential streets, lined with maples, present an attractive picture.



A Typical Kent Farm Home.

Its attractions include excellent high and public schools; a well equipped public library; Anglican, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Latter Day Saint churches; two chartered banks; three express offices; an opera house; athlet-

ic park; two large bowling greens, with a fine club house on one of them; also a handsome post office and municipal buildings.

Municipally, Ridgertown is progressive. A mod-



Solidly Built Up With Business Blocks.

ern waterworks system, established at a cost of \$40,000, provides from artesian wells a supply of pure water ample for domestic purposes and fire protection. The power house is equipped with the latest gas engines and pumping machinery. The natural gas line provides gas, not merely for municipal but for private purposes, at very low cost. Ridgertown runs its own electric light system, both lighting plant and waterworks being operated by a capable commission.

Industrially, Ridgertown is making steady and rapid progress. It possesses machine shops, sash and door factory, flour mills, basket factory and three large grain elevators. The Dominion Cannery's factory, just completed at a cost of \$60,000, employs 100 hands all the year round and provides a good market for produce from the surrounding territory.

HOWARD TOWNSHIP

Every crop that thrives in Kent thrives also in Howard township. Favorably situated between Lake Erie on the south and the River Thames on the north, Howard is noted for the productiveness of its soil and the wide variety of its products.

Ridgertown, near the centre of the township, is the chief shipping and marketing point. Three railways, the Grand Trunk, Michigan Central and Pere Marquette, pass through the township, which is also traversed by the Talbot road, the main automobile highway through Southern Ontario.

Along the two "ridges" in Southern Howard, the soil is light and gravelly, an ideal soil for the production of beans and tobacco. Bean growing is the outstanding industry, the experimental plots of the Ontario government being situated at Morpeth, in this township. Tobacco is successfully grown, and the soil and situation are singularly suited for peach growing and the production of all kinds of fruits.

Further north there is a clay belt, suitable for corn, and along the river the soil is sandy loam. Howard produces practically every farm crop in abundance.

The fisheries along Lake Erie are of considerable importance. Morpeth has good dock and water shipping facilities.