

THE ADVERTISER'S CROP SURVEY—DISTRICT TWO

CROP DIVERSITY MARKS
FARMING NEAR LONDON

Great Variety of Types of Soil Makes Possible All Manner of Farming, From Stock-Raising To Beekeeping and Truck Gardening.

ALL CROPS EXCEPT CORN YIELD HEAVILY

In order to demonstrate the diversity of farming in southwestern Ontario, as well as to provide a general estimate of crop conditions, The Advertiser is making a survey of the ten districts shown on the accompanying map.

C. G. Higman, who is conducting the survey for The Advertiser, has O. A. C. training and a thorough practical experience in various types of farming. His second article, covering district No. 2, appears below, and the remaining eight articles will follow daily.

The Advertiser hopes that these articles will serve in some degree as an exchange of information regarding farming methods in different districts and as an indication of the versatility of production in the richest part of Ontario.

A survey of the crop and harvest conditions in the immediate vicinity of London shows a considerable variation in the yields in the different crops which is not so noticeable in the district lying between Ingersoll and Stratford. In the last-named section there is a uniformity in the character of the soil and in the methods of farming which gives some uniformity to the yield of the harvest, while in the London district there is a great diversity in the types of soil, and the farming includes everything from dairying and stock-raising down to market gardening and beekeeping.

Travelling in a broad circle, with Dorchester as a starting point and working first towards Belmont, one passes through a mixed farming district where the production of milk for the creamery and for city distribution forms the main industry in the year's farming. This is for the most part a level tract, where a considerable amount of land is given over to the raising of fall wheat and spring grains. In all the district the wheat has been threshed and the farmers are busy threshing their crops of oats and barley.

The threshing of the oat crop has not progressed far enough to give a real index for the whole district, but in so far as the wheat is concerned the farmers are quite satisfied that the yield will average over 30 bushels to the acre, with a fair proportion of the farms turning out 40-bushel crops.

The average forecasted for the oat crop places it well over 40 bushels, and some of the farmers believe it will approach the 50-bushel mark.

Throughout the whole district the pastures look excellent, while the second cutting of clover and alfalfa looks very promising.

M. A. Claus, of Mapleton, in speaking of the yield and the work in hand on most of the farms, says that there will be little time for the cutting of the late clover crop, for the threshing will crowd well into the time for filling silos.

Mr. Claus, speaking of the returns that the Elgin farmers will have this year, says: "The wheat harvest in this district has turned out much better than was expected. Oats look good and even better in many cases. We are shy of apples of all kinds."

Offset Shortage.

When asked his opinion on the corn crop, Mr. Claus stated that although the crop there is not as good as they could wish, the yield and quality of the grain crops and the abundance of the hay harvest will go a long way in offsetting the shortage of silo corn.

From Belmont to Gleanworth the country changes slightly, more rough land being found, with a consequent turning toward grass farming. Through that section the farmers think their oats will run somewhere in the neighborhood of 35 or 40 bushels.

Here, as farther to the east, the pastures are good, but some of the hilly land where the gravel is close to the surface has washed considerably.

Throughout all this section the root crops look splendid and the potato crop should be a good one, provided the growth continues with a fair percentage of dry weather until the end of the month. Should the wet weather set in early, it is feared that the potatoes on heavy clay land will be of poor quality.

In the district bordered on the east by the Windsor highway and north of Muncie, the crops are above average, but scarcely as good as those seen in the Belmont district. Corn is the poorest feature of the crops bordering the highway, especially on the low land where the rains have laid on the surface. In the Lambeth and Delaware districts the crops are fine, with some striking exceptions. In some parts of this district the gravel comes close up, especially near Lambeth, and the rains, too long continued, seem to have a leaching effect on the soil. This is most noticeable on rented farms and can be readily seen in some of the obviously poor corn crops.

In direct contrast to this, the district contains some of the best corn seen in the London district.

From Delaware to Strathroy the crops are not so good as those on the clay to the east of London. The Carleton place expects to turn out an average of 250 bushels to the acre on what is known locally as the real Carleton potato belt, but this is to some extent dependent on the weather through the rest of the month. An early frost of sufficient severity to kill the tops would probably cut this estimate down a third at least, as the potatoes have not had all their growth yet.

Heavy Yield.

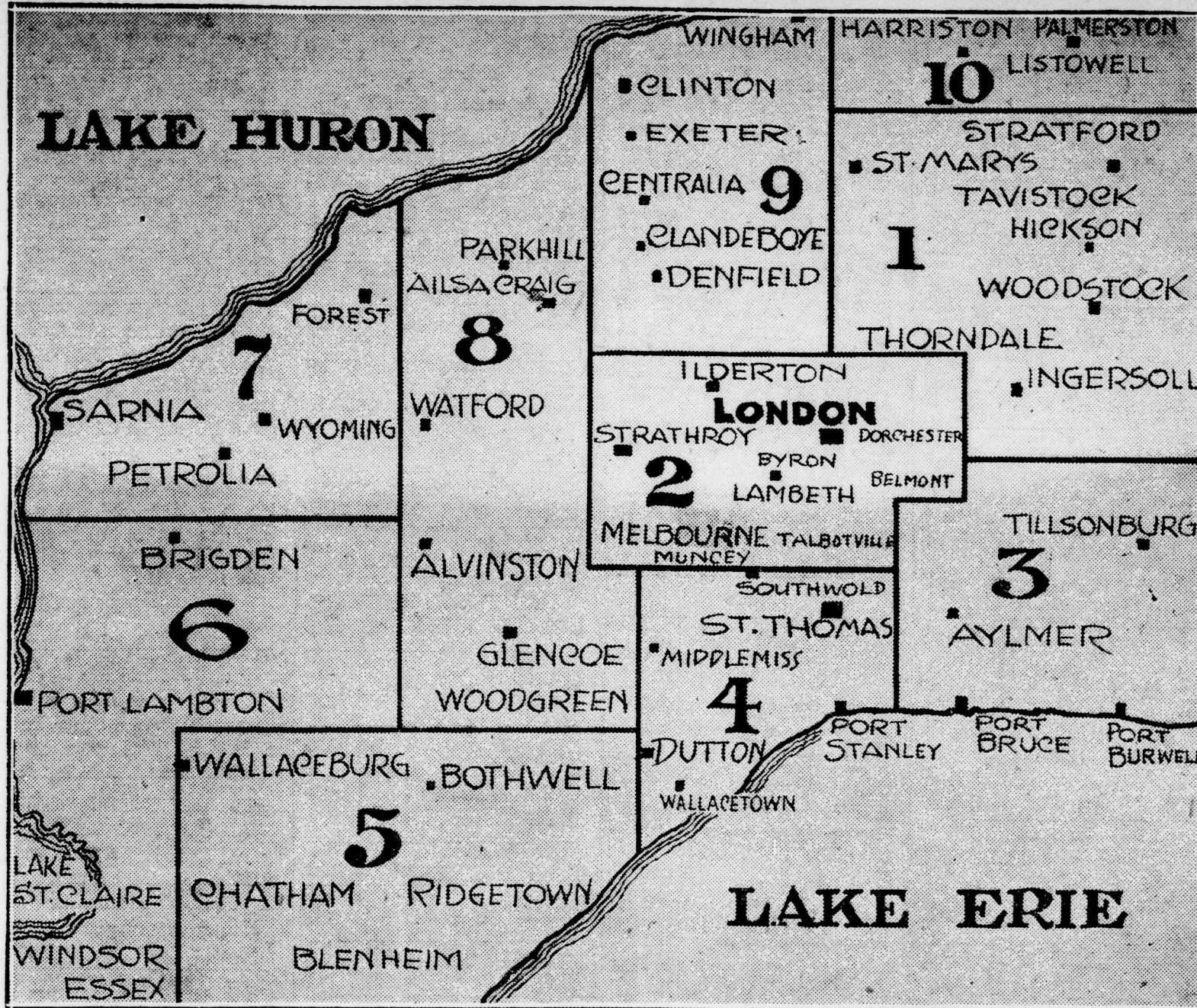
Wheat and oats in this district will yield around 30 and 40 bushels, respectively, which is somewhat lower than the yields claimed for the counties to the south and east of London. Corn here is about equal to that along the highway at Lambeth and Talbotville, but on the high land some excellent crops were noticed.

Wesley Wilton, a Carleton potato grower on the Strathroy road, states that he looks for a good yield.

He states: "If the present fine weather continues, I see no reason why this year's potato crop should not outstrip any we have had of recent years. The potatoes are turning a splendid top, and unless they are frozen down, I think most of the growers in this section will harvest a 200-bushel crop. Many will exceed this, but it won't be general. Getting over 200 bushels of potatoes from the Carleton sand requires a lot of manuring and extra labor, and I don't think the district as a whole will see an average of 250 bushels this year, although it is quite probable that an average of 200 will be dug up."

"If our apple crop were anything like the potato crop were anything like us would admit this the best year ever. As it is, we are going to go short on apple sauce before the next harvest."

The land bordered roughly by Del-



The Advertiser is giving a general crop and agricultural survey of southwestern Ontario. For this purpose the peninsula has been divided into the ten districts shown on the above map, and the daily articles will be published in that order. Today's article, for example, being the second of the series, describes the result of a tour through district No. 2 on the map. It is suggested that this map be clipped out and kept for future reference during the series of articles. The ten districts have been divided, so far as possible, according to different types of agricultural production, and the survey is a striking indication of the remarkable diversity of farming in southwestern Ontario. In a general way the ten districts may be catalogued as follows:

District 1—Dairy and livestock.
District 2—Mixed farming and special small crops.
District 3—Truck farming, beans, peas and corn for the canning industry.
District 4—Spotted beans and mixed farming.
District 5—Beans, tobacco and sugar

beets.
District 6—Sugar beets, corn, livestock, onions, tobacco.
District 7—General farming, truck crops, celery.
District 8—Fruit, potatoes, mixed farming, celery and livestock.
District 9—Livestock, mixed farming and Dutch sets (seed onions).
District 10—Mixed farming.

ALL PARTIES IN GREAT BRITAIN
READY FOR GENERAL ELECTION

By HAL O'FLAHERTY.
Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

London, Sept. 7.—The effect of the triumph of Premier MacDonald during the London conference on the Daves plan has been almost wholly consumed by the fires of dissension lighted at Geneva. On his return today he will find his political opponents, both Conservatives and Liberals, in full cry seeking to bring him down immediately after parliament assembles the latter part of this month.

His failure to satisfy the French with plans for a disarmament conference, coupled with a blunt demand for the admission of Germany to the League of Nations, and his softness towards Russia, provide the

best material for the premier's political enemies at home.

Leaders of MacDonald's party, quickly realizing the dangerous turn events had taken, decided to start an attack before the Liberals and Conservatives should be able to complete their organization. Labor headquarters have announced a speaking campaign throughout every electoral district, which will begin next week.

At the same time the Liberal party will open its campaign against the Russian treaty, and will flood the country with pamphlets denouncing the concessions. Conservatives seem likely to cling to the Irish boundary dispute as their main point of attack. It is obvious that all camps are ready for a general election.

AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
NOW FAVORS PARLEY

Decide To Send Representatives To Inter-Imperial Conference.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Cape Town, South Africa, Sept. 6.—N. C. Havenga, minister of finance in the Hertzog government, announced in the legislative assembly today that the government had reconsidered its decision with regard to the proposed conference in London with favor, and now had agreed to participate therein. This decision, the minister said, was taken in view of the fact that the discussions at the conference were to be merely of a tentative nature.

At first the government did not view the proposal to hold a dominion conference in London with favor, as it claimed that little good could come of such a conference, particularly if the members of the dominions were not present.

LONDON AGREEMENT
WILL SAVE EUROPE

Continental Statesmen Confident According To Col. H. J. Mackie, M.P.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Pembroke, Sept. 6.—That the recent London agreement means the salvation of Europe is the belief of continental statesmen, said Col. H. J. Mackie, ex-M. P., who has returned from fifteen months in Europe, ten of which were spent in Russia. Col. Mackie has noted great recovery of conditions in the Old World, having visited Austria, France, Germany, and other countries.

"Germany will come back quickly," said Col. Mackie, "but France and Belgium have been giving too much attention to politics and counting too much on what they will get out of Germany instead of giving themselves to hard work."

of Northern Spies all over the province forces the price of winter apples up well above last year's prices.

Exhibition Hits
New High Mark

Attendance at Toronto Fair Exceeds Million and Half.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Sept. 7.—The Canadian National Exhibition has crossed the million and a half attendance mark for the first time in history. The figures for the closing Saturday (Sports and Community Day), were 148,000, as against 153,000 for the final day last year, bringing the 1924 total to 1,519,000, as compared with 1,493,000 in 1923, the previous high record showing a gain of over 26,000 over 1923.

ENGLISH FIRM BUYS
HAMILTON COMPANY

Officials Certain That Canada Has a Great Future.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Sept. 7.—Large interests in the Dominion Sheet Metal Company in this city have been bought by John Lyssaght, Limited, English manufacturers, it was announced today. The deal has been in progress for a considerable time, and in speaking of its consummation today, W. H. D. Gladstone of Bristol, England, said they had taken a step which would greatly increase their trade.

"We have full faith in future prosperity, and we see great possibilities for us in this country. It is our aim not only to share in Canada's future, but to aid and help its realization in every way. We feel that an era of great prosperity has begun, and look forward to good times in Canada. We regard the present deal as the first link in a chain of such connections."

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
Montreal, Sept. 7.—Montclair, Liverpool; Regina, Liverpool; Marburn, Glasgow; Saturnia, Glasgow; Concordia, Glasgow; Gracia, Liverpool; Liverpool, Sept. 7.—Doric, Montreal; Glasgow, Sept. 7.—Marciach, Montreal; Athenia, Montreal.
Southampton, Sept. 7.—Homer, New York.
Liverpool, Sept. 7.—Montclair, Montreal.

MONEY REQUESTS
CREATE A PUZZLE

Tillsonburg Merchants Receive Calls in Name of Former Resident.

Special to The Advertiser.
Tillsonburg, Sept. 7.—Local merchants are rather mystified by requests for money received from some person giving the name of a former local citizen. A telephone call came from a Buffalo address to a well-known clothing merchant stating that the former resident had his pockets picked and requesting that fifteen dollars be wired him to allow him to get back to his position in Toronto. The money was sent, also a similar amount from another merchant. About one hour later a similar call was received by the head of a large local concern, who made arrangements to wire \$25, but when he heard of the other requests delayed remitting. Then came a call to a fourth merchant. He told of failure to get in touch with local relatives, and with a request for \$50. About this time the first merchant made a report to Chief of Police Carter, who wired Toronto and Buffalo police.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE
GUTS ST. THOMAS MILL

Shaefer's Planing Mill With Machinery Is Destroyed by Fire.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Sept. 8.—Fire, which was discovered about 1:30 this morning, entirely gutted the two-story frame structure of the Shaefer's Planing Mill Company, close to the city hall. At 2:30 this morning the fire was still burning briskly and only outside walls of the structure remained.

Heads of the company could not estimate their loss, but it is believed it will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to \$30,000, as all the machinery, stock in process and much raw stock were totally destroyed. Only efficient work on the part of the fire-fighters saved adjoining buildings, as sparks rose to a considerable height and volunteers did valiant work in extinguishing incipient fires on near by roofs.

The fire was discovered by a passerby and the flames were then breaking through the roof. Authorities are unable to offer any idea as to the origin or what part of the building the fire started in.

TORONTO MEN ARE AIDED
BY INTERNATIONAL UNION

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Sept. 7.—Members of local No. 91, International Typographical Union, who were on the strike rolls of the union for more than three years, and lost their allowances when the strike was declared off on September 1 by the executive council of the union, will receive special assistance for four weeks, upon the order of the officials of the local organization. It was stated after the union meeting in the Labor Temple last night. This means the international union will assist needy cases.

WESTERN FAIR

September 6 to 13

TUESDAY'S PROGRAM

GATES OPEN 7 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

—SPEED EVENTS—

2:15 Trot..... Mile Heats..... Purse \$300.00
2:25 Pace..... Mile Heats..... Purse \$300.00

—JUDGING—

9 A.M.—Fruit and Flowers, Sheep, Swine, Hereford, Aberdeen-Angus, Ayrshire, Holstein Cattle.
9:30 A.M.—Heavy Draught and Agricultural Horses.
10 A.M.—Standard-bred Carriage and Coach Horses.
Butter-making Competition, (Dairy Bldg.).
10:30 A.M.—Agricultural Horses in harness.
11 A.M.—Agricultural Horses (Farmers' Section). Ponies, Clydesdale specials.
1:30 P.M.—Hackneys, Carriage and Coach in harness.
2 P.M.—Butter-making Competition, (Dairy Bldg.).
2 P.M.—Judging of Dog Show.
2:30 P.M.—Carriage and Coach Horses, (Farmers' Sec.).
3:30 P.M.—Roadsters (On line).
4 P.M.—Jumping, Class 4, Sec. 12 (6 Jumps, 4 feet).



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Diary of an
Oakland owner

Aug. 22nd. Got caught in driving rain ten miles from home. Was glad of glass enclosures. This Oakland engine sure has the power. Will rub surface with a dry cloth tomorrow to get mud off.

Aug. 23rd. Saw friend Joe out trying to scrape some of the mud from his car; feel like Pollyanna every time I think about that Duco finish.

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