COUNTY OF ELGIN

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A PART from St. Thomas, the County Seat, Aylmer is the largest town in Elgin. It has a population of 2,300, all British born or their descendents, and not a man idle except by his own choice.

Aylmer possesses a number of fine manufacturing institutions, including the largest and most up-to-date canning factory in Canada, condensed milk factory, pump and scale factory, boot and shoe factory, three sash and door factories, cold storage plant, etc., which employ hundreds of men and women.

The town owns and operates electric light and waterworks systems. The water, which is of the purest, is brought about one and one-half miles from artesian wells by gravitation.

Aylmer is only eight miles from Lake Erie, one of the great inland lakes, is within easy reach of three good lake shipping ports, and is also served by three main line railways.

A splendid post office has recently been erected, forming the centre of five rural mail delivery routes, which serve the farmers daily in every direction.

Aylmer is the centre of a rural telephone system giving connection with about 3,000 farms and 150 business places and residences in town, at a cost of only \$4.00 per year.

Aylmer is supplied with natural gas, which is declared by experts to be the purest in the world. The price is thirty cents per 1,000 cubic feet for domestic use, and fifteen cents for manufacturers.

Aylmer has nearly twenty miles of granolithic



Condensed Milk Factory

sidewalks, and the main streets are paved with brick and cement.

Aylmer is the shipping and trading centre of one of the most enterprising farming districts. The farmers of the locality own some of the best milk producing herds in Canada, both purebred and grade. Cheese and butter factories are operated in the district, and many thousands of barrels of apples are shipped annually from Aylmer to the Canadian North-West and to Great Britain, and more dried and evaporated apples are packed in Aylmer and shipped to Europe than from any other point in Ontario.

Aylmer's public and high schools equal any in Canada, and are free to all children, and the churches compare favorably with those of any town of its size.

If you are interested, and desire further information, write to the Town Clerk, Aylmer, Ont.



Canning Factory

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