



**Dresden's New Public School.**

similar crops, which are extensively produced.

Dresden operates its own electric light plant, its well lighted streets being very attractive. Water mains, laid in all parts of the town, afford splendid fire protection and an unfailing water supply. Natural gas from the Tilbury field is largely used for domestic and manufacturing purposes.

The town has eight churches. Its up-to-date public and continuation school, finished in 1912, holds one of the best records in Ontario. Strong efforts are being made to secure a Carnegie library. A new government post office has just been opened. Two chartered banks have had branches in Dresden for several years.

Among Dresden's manufacturing establishments are two flour mills, spoke, hub and wheel factory, canning factory, flax mill, two evaporating plants, planing mill, elevators, damper works, foundry and machine shop, carriage factory and two cement block works. Within one mile of the town are two brick yards, two tile yards, and one creamery. Dresden is also one of the best live stock and farm produce markets in the province.

Enquiries, whether with respect to manufacturing opportunities in Dresden or small or large farms in the vicinity will receive prompt and careful attention if addressed to the Town Clerk, Dresden, Ontario.

### **DOVER TOWNSHIP**

Lying north of the River Thames, its western boundary the waters of Lake St. Clair, Dover township is very desirable agriculturally, by reason alike of situation and soil.

The portion bordering on Lake St. Clair forms one of the finest hunting grounds in Ontario. Mitchell's Bay is a favorite rendezvous for sportsmen in the duck season. This thriving little village is also the centre of an extensive fishing industry.

The remainder of the township, about four-fifths of its entire area, is a solid table of high, dry, warm soil, mostly a clay loam, with a subsoil equalled by few townships and surpassed by none. Corn, sugar beets, oats, wheat, barley, clover seed, tobacco, beans and peas, constitute the chief products. Apples of first class quality are extensively grown. Dover

is famous for its hog industry, several car loads being shipped from the different stock yards every week.

One of the most profitable and surest farm crops is the sugar beet. From 2000 acres of beets produced in Dover in 1912, the farmers received \$110,000. To the sugar factory at Wallaceburg, close at hand, the beets are transferred by electric railroad at nominal cost, while special beet sidings at every other concession reduce to a minimum the haul to the shipping point.

The Chatham, Wallaceburg & Lake Erie electric railroad, passing directly through Dover, provides excellent shipping facilities; supplemented by five elevators, four stock yards, and eight sugar beet weigh stations. Dover has an extensive municipal telephone service connected with the Bell system at Chatham. Rural mail routes are being rapidly formed, and churches and schools are numerous.

Dredge cuts, emptying into natural creeks, provide excellent and economical drainage into Lake St. Clair. A large tile plant is located in the centre of the township and much under draining is carried on.

### **RALEIGH TOWNSHIP**

Sharing as it does the fertility for which all Kent County is famed, Raleigh township possesses two striking agricultural assets—the famous Raleigh plains, reclaimed lands noted far and wide for their fertility; and the Ridge land, along the Lake Erie shore, with a soil and situation specially adapted to fruit, bean and tobacco growing, and where are located many of the finest peach orchards in Canada. The Raleigh plains, singularly rich clay lands, produce abundant and unequalled crops of corn, sugar beets and vegetables, as well as all kinds of cereals.

Raleigh shares in the important Lake Erie fisheries, and also in the oil and gas industry, quite a number of paying wells having been drilled in the southern and western part of the township.

Transportation facilities are exceptionally good. The township has five trunk lines, the Grand Trunk,



**Vegetable Exhibit at Chatham Fair.**