

In 1912 165 car loads were shipped from Blenheim, running 14 tons to the car, which, at a trifle over 10 cents a pound, meant a total of nearly \$50,000 distributed among the farmers of this one section.

Wm. Snow, of Blenheim, in 1910, sold \$9000 worth of tobacco off 33 acres.

Sim. and Jas. Burke, of Blenheim, sold \$3600 worth of tobacco off 10 acres.

WHERE CORN GROWS TO MATURITY.

Throughout all Ontario, corn is grown for en-



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silage purposes, but it is only in this sunny southern corner of the province that corn grows to maturity. The rich clay lands of Tilbury East, Raleigh, Dover, Chatham and Harwich townships, lead in corn production, though in all parts of the county it is a successful crop.

Not merely does the Kent farmer secure a larger yield of fodder corn to the acre than is produced in less favored localities, but to the value of the fodder he is able to add the value of the matured grain. Corn yields 81.7 bushels to the acre in Kent, commanding a price of from 50 to 60 cents per bushel. This means an approximate return of \$45 to the acre.

This is for the ordinary grain. Experiments have shown that seed corn grown in Kent is superior to that produced in the United States, from which the farmers of Ontario for many years drew their entire supply of seed corn. The result is that, ultimately, Sunny Southwestern Ontario must supply all the seed corn required for the remainder of Canada, where corn does not grow to maturity but is valued for ensilage purposes. As good seed corn commands a price of \$1.25 to \$2 a bushel, the profits from this line of farming are obvious.

Kent corn has repeatedly taken first prizes in

competition with the entire corn growing district of Ontario.

HALF OF ONTARIO'S BEAN CROP.

The entire bean crop of Ontario in 1912 amounted to 1,182,132 bushels. Of this, 573,228 bushels, or nearly 50 per cent., were grown within the limits of Kent County. Very nearly all the Ontario bean crop is grown within a radius of 100 miles of Chatham city.

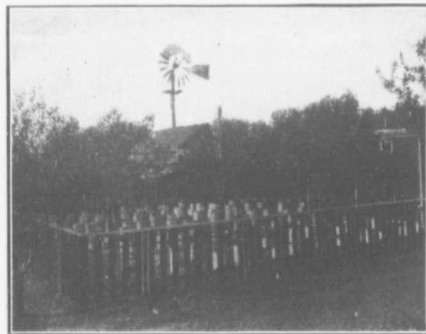
Beans demand a light, dry, well drained soil and a southerly latitude. The leading bean growing districts of the county are the townships of Harwich, Howard and Orford. One dealer near Blenheim, last year shipped 125 car loads of beans. The average yield is from 20 to 25 bushels to the acre, though sometimes as high as 57 bushels has been recorded, and the price per bushel runs from \$1.50 to \$2.

Under the auspices of the Ontario Bean Growers' Association, which has its headquarters in this county, and with the assistance of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, experimental plots are conducted in seed, testing, fertilizing, cultivating, and other branches of bean growing. It is expected that an increased yield per acre will be the ultimate result of these experiments.

The superior quality of Kent beans is recognized throughout Canada.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR APIARISTS.

Largely owing to the diversified opportunities of the county, honey production in Kent has not received the attention it merits. Bee-keeping is usual-



Honey Means Money.

ly combined with mixed farming, poultry raising, gardening or fruit growing. As a specialty, however, intelligently followed, it will produce returns equal to any other line.