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**MIDDLESEX CO.** Fairly level with a little marsh. Watered by Thames River and small streams. Soil uniformly good, varies from deep clay loam, producing grain, to sandy soil suitable for corn, fruit and vegetables. Served by C.P.R., G.T.R., M.C.R., P.M.R. and Wabash Ry., and 2 electric lines. Good roads, telephones and rural mail delivery. Many horses, sheep, beef and dairy cattle, also hogs and poultry are raised. 23 cheese, 8 butter and 2 combination factories. Apples and all kinds of small fruits and vegetables thrive. Bee-keeping is carried on extensively. Caradoc Tp. is a great potato growing section. Around Ailsa Craig and Parkhill is a famous beef growing section. There are several fox ranches. Good local markets at London, Strathroy, Parkhill, etc. Farms average \$75 per acre. Pop. (excluding London) 50,765—mostly British.

**NIAGARA DISTRICT** includes parts of the Counties of Welland, Lincoln and Wentworth. Lies along the s.w. shore of Lake Ontario, extending from Niagara to Hamilton, 44 miles. It varies in width from 1 mile at Hamilton to 14 miles from Niagara Falls to the mouth of the river. Winters mild owing to the low altitude above sea level (320 to 350 ft.), the shelter of the escarpment, which runs from end to end of the district, and the influence of Lake Ontario, open all the year round. About 12,000 acres are planted to grapes; 3,000 acres to apples and pears; 11,000 acres to peaches; 1,500 acres to plums and 3,000 acres to other fruits. About 50,000 acres of fruit land as yet unplanted. Served by the G.T.R., T.H. & B. Ry. elec. railways from Hamilton to Grimsby, and from St. Catharines to Port Dalhousie, Niagara and Niagara Falls, and a good auto road from Queenston and Niagara to Hamilton. S.S. connections with Toronto at Hamilton, Grimsby, Port Dalhousie and Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Ontario Government has an experimental farm at Vine-land. All fruits are successfully marketed in the Northwest and apples and pears in Europe. Peaches have been shipped to Great Britain. One-third of the grape crop is made into grape juice and wine. Total output of fruit in 1915 was valued at over 5½ million dollars. There are 3 co-operative fruit growers' associations. In the 3 counties there are 2 cheese and 11 butter factories, several jam, grape juice, wine and canning factories. Peach orchards in bearing cost according to age, from \$400 to \$1,000; apple orchards