

township is its fishing industry, which, with an annual catch ranging in value from \$60,000 to \$80,000, furnishes employment to a large number of men. The government has just completed, opposite Wheatley, a pier with a breakwater to protect shipping, which is practically open the entire year.

In addition to facilities for water shipment, the Pere Marquette railway traverses the township from end to end, as does the Talbot road, the international highway for automobiles.

Wheatley, the business centre of the township, with its natural gas, many miles of cement walks, continuous electric lighting and telephone service, two chartered banks, good public and continuation schools, excellent stores and handsome residences, reflects the wealth and fertility of the surrounding country. Coatsworth and Renwick are prosperous hamlets, the former boasting the largest brick plant in Western Ontario, with a capacity of 15,000 tile and 35,000 brick per day.

BLENHEIM

Blenheim, on the far-famed Ridge, with uninterrupted water and air drainage, and overlooking Lake Erie and Rondeau, is not only the beauty spot of the county, but is the home of a thrifty and progressive population which ministers to the requirements of a large, fertile and wealthy farming district.

The town is well equipped with business establishments of every description, with busy wholesale houses handling beans, tobacco, wheat, flour, and other produce. Its clean and shady residential streets are lined with comfortable homes, reached by substantial stone walks, heated by natural gas



Farmers Around Blenheim Co-operate.

and lighted by the municipal electric lighting plant. Blenheim claims, in addition, the unique honor of being a town without a debt, and its business record is almost entirely free from financial embarrassment.

Easy of access from all directions, Blenheim is the headquarters of nature lovers who desire to visit

the famous Point aux Pins park, of sportsmen bound for Rondeau bay, and of tourists and sailors en route to Erieau and its notable summer resort.

The Blenheim district was, in a state of nature, the home of a larger variety of vegetable growth than any other part of Canada. This reputation it still



Blenheim Town Hall.

maintains the variety of profitable crops being unparalleled. Fruits of all kinds, cereals, especially corn and beans, vegetables of every variety, including the sugar beet and tobacco—the highest grades of smoking, chewing and snuff varieties—are produced from a soil so fertile that it "needs only to be tickled with a plow to bring forth abundantly."

The climate doubles the fertility of the soil. Nearly 700 miles further south than the English Kent, fully 50 miles further south than Grimsby, the centre of the celebrated Niagara fruit district, the Blenheim district is most favorably situated. The Ridge soil is somewhat similar to the peach land of Niagara and the early tomato land around Leamington, but is richer than either. The mild and salubrious air, temperate at all times, amply supplied with moisture from Lake Erie, to the south, makes this most southerly district of British North America a spot where a home is greatly to be desired.

For those desiring a residence where a small farm may be a constant source of income, where the delights of a southern home are combined with the attractions of the temperate zone, Blenheim has a hearty welcome.

HARWICH TOWNSHIP

Largest in point of area among the townships of Kent, and second in point of population, Harwich enjoys a very favorable situation. It stretches 17 miles from north to south, lying between the navigable waters of the River Thames and Lake Erie, and intersected by the waters of Rondeau, where