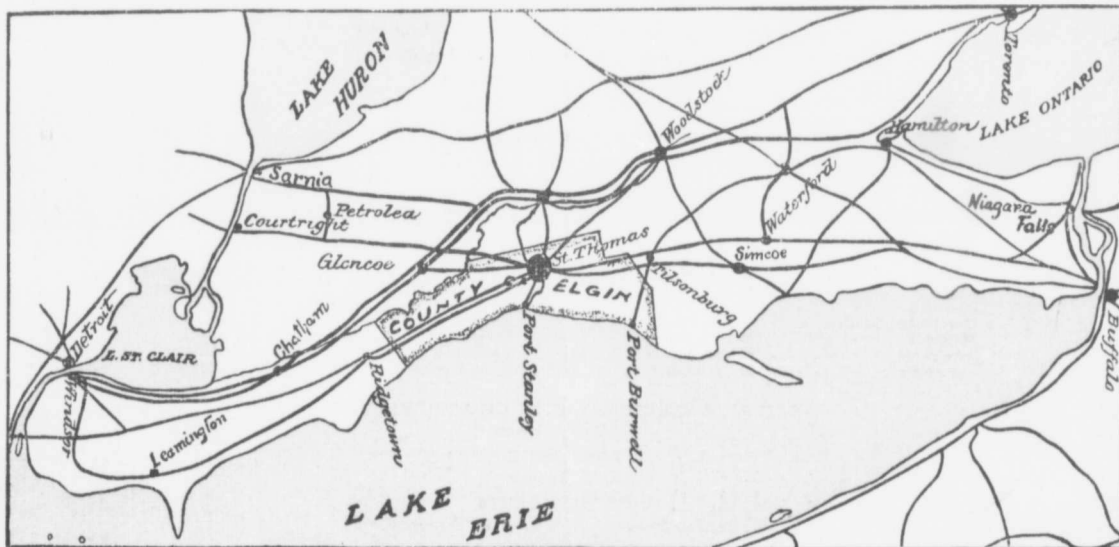


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and  
railway connections



**Elgin**

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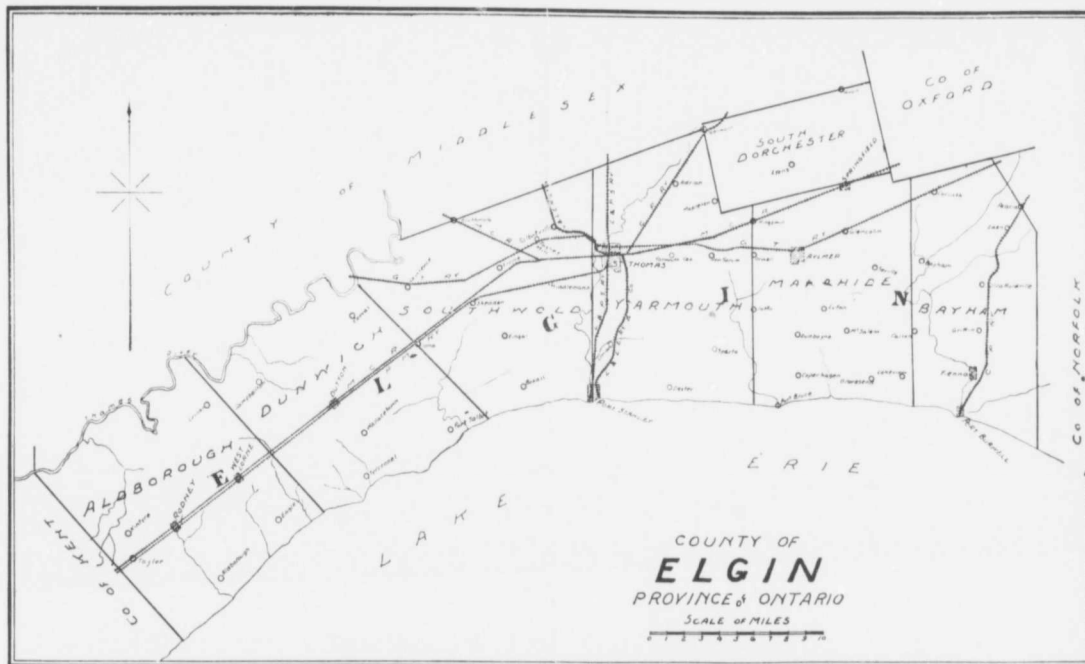
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## Elgin, the Sunny Keystone County of Southwestern Ontario



The Centre of the Lake Erie Agricultural and Horticultural Districts

**E**LGIN possesses a soil unsurpassed for fertility. Lying in the same latitude as Southern France, it is blessed with a climate which, while varying from the frosts of winter to summer's heat, is most healthy and invigorating. An abundant and never-failing rainfall, coupled with a season of long sunny days, conduces to rapid growth and ripening.

Its resources and possibilities as an agricultural locality are perhaps the most unique of any county, containing, as it does within its 436,383 acres, or nearly 700 square miles, soil that divides the county into three natural belts of land, running east and west, making fruit, corn, grain, vegetable, dairying, and cattle raising sections unexcelled in any other part of the Dominion. The purchase price of improved land runs from \$50 to \$100 per acre. Good water for domestic purposes is plentiful in all parts of the county.

The man who settles in Elgin County has the assurance of liberal remuneration for his labor and capital. In addition to this, he may enjoy life in a region of beauty with a pleasing climate and may live comfortably in a rural municipality equipped with the conveniences of town or city life, schools and churches easy of access, pastimes for old and young, telephones, rural mail delivery, daily newspapers, etc. He will have as neighbors people who are desirable as friends and acquaintances. Employment can readily be secured by experienced farm hands, both single and married, at remunerative wages. Many of the farmers utilize natural gas found on their own lands for heating and lighting purposes, in addition to which a main pipe line crosses the county from which gas is available. The Government hydro-electric power line from Niagara Falls to Windsor also crosses the county, bringing electric current for light or power purposes within easy reach of all. Elgin is truly, as the poet says, a land—

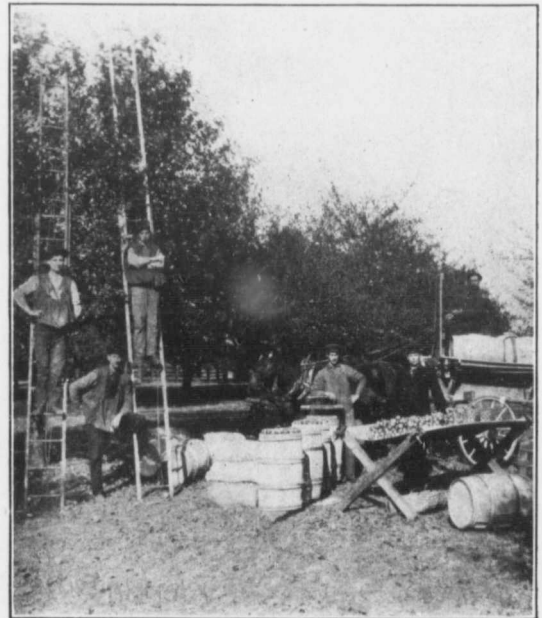
"Where wealth is the prize of the strong and wise  
and health of the weary and old,  
Where you sow the seed of your enterprise  
and harvest a crop of gold."



An Apple Orchard in Bloom



Exhibit of Apples



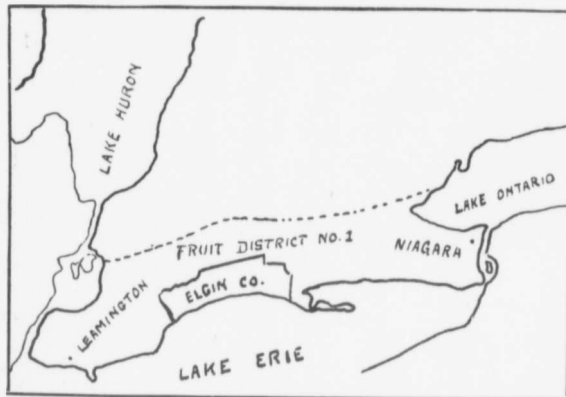
Packing Apples



Picking Peaches

A line drawn straight east and west from St. Thomas passes through the two most advertised tender fruit sections of Ontario.

The growing season of Elgin County is only five days less than the Niagara Peninsula, being 197 as compared with 202 days there.



### FRUITS

**E**LGIN rivals the Niagara peninsula, especially in its production of peaches and small fruits. Both the soil, a sandy loam, and the climate, tempered by the waters of Lake Erie, are especially adapted to the growing of fruits of all kinds. So great has been the success in fruit growing that the value of land is rapidly advancing, in spite of the development of new areas. Thousands of young trees are planted yearly, and the industry is but in its infancy. It will be seen by the accompanying map that Elgin is located in what is designated by the Government fruit experts and scientists as Fruit District No. 1, "a region especially adapted to early fruits and vegetables, being from ten days to two weeks ahead of the districts surrounding the big markets."

#### Apples

Apples are one of the features of Elgin's fruit belt. The early varieties ripen nearly three weeks ahead of other sections. The apples grown in Elgin, owing to their exceptionally fine quality, meet with special favor in Western Canada and the British markets.

#### Peaches

Elgin grown peaches have been called "the fruit of the gods," with good reason, for no better can be found on the American continent, either in flesh or flavor. The county is adapted to the cultivation of this fruit, a belt running east and west along the ridge just back from the lake shore being especially so.

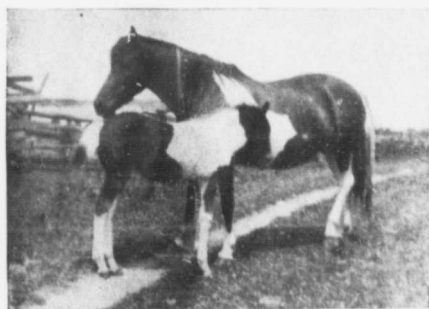
#### Grapes

Grapes of splendid quality ripen in the open and the fruit rivals that of Southern France and parts of Italy. This industry may be largely developed.

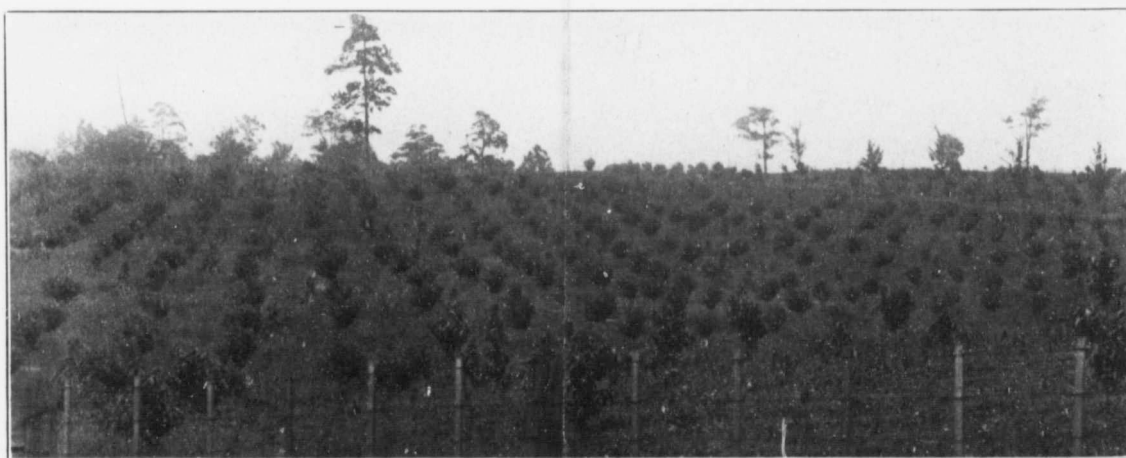
COUNTY OF ELGIN



A Herd of Holsteins



Horses



A Young Peach Orchard

## COUNTY OF ELGIN

### Small Fruits

The unparalleled shipping facilities, the accessibility to markets, and the location of several large canneries in different parts of the county, make the production of small fruits a most profitable industry. Cherries, plums, strawberries, raspberries, melons, pears, gooseberries, etc., grow in rich abundance, but the supply falls far short of the demand. In addition to the above, large areas are devoted to the production of tomatoes, which ripen in the open and yield big profits.

### BEEES

Owing to the favorable climatic conditions, pollination in the fruit belt and the cultivation of clover and other crops suitable to the production of honey, the bee-keeping industry in the county is a profitable one.

### LIVE STOCK

#### Horses

Elgin thorough-bred and standard-bred horses are known the world over, the county being one of the biggest horse breeding districts in the Dominion. Elgin horses have taken prizes in all classes: hackneys, drivers, general purpose, and heavy, wherever shown.

#### Cattle

Elgin possesses a reputation second to none for its cattle, a large portion of which are pure-bred. Many herds of beef cattle are raised for domestic consumption, the surplus being the best export cattle on the British and American markets. During last year Elgin farmers sold beef cattle at a market value of \$1,500,000. Elgin holds a unique position with its milch cows, many of its herds having one or more holders of Canadian records of merit for milk production amongst them. The dairy cattle in the county were last year valued at \$1,400,000.

#### Dairying

Dairy farming is one of the largest and most profitable industries in the county, the soil, climate, and fodder being especially adapted to the production of the best dairy products. This is evidenced by the fact that within and adjoining the county are to be found the largest milk product factories in the world. The future development of this industry includes the extension and use of hydro-electric power for milking, churning and other work connected with dairying. The production of milk in the county last year had an estimated value of over \$2,000,000.



A Farm Home



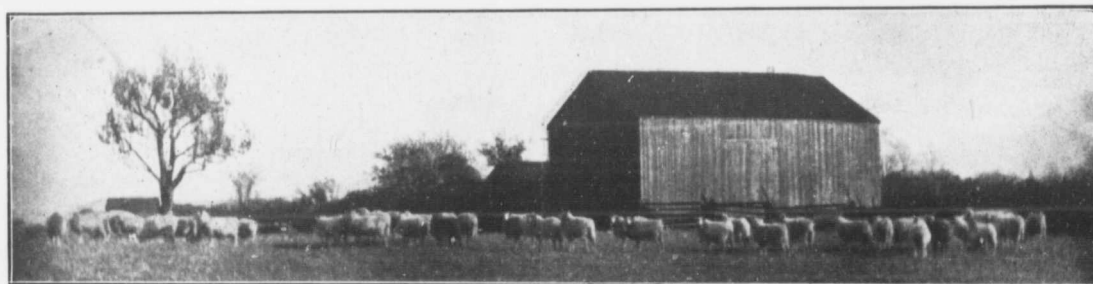
Picking Grapes



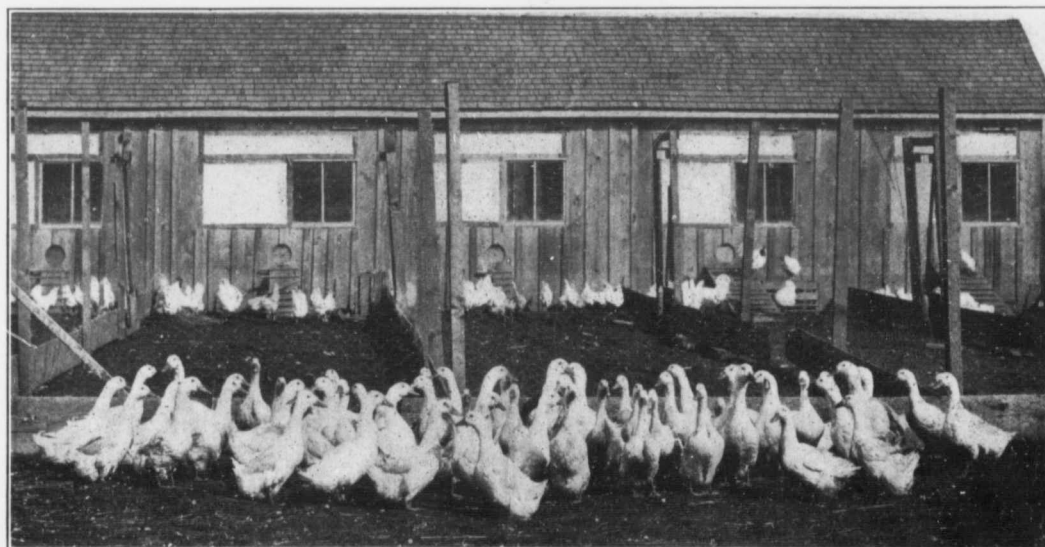
COUNTY OF ELGIN



A Farmer's Horse Power



Flock of Sheep



Ducks

COUNTY OF ELGIN

**Hogs**

One of the best paying industries of the county is the raising of hogs, Elgin being the centre of the district supplying the largest pork packing companies in Canada. One of these, located at St. Thomas, in the very centre of the county, paid over \$300,000 for live hogs last year, and has connected with it a public abattoir and cold storage plant.

**Sheep Raising**

This is a rapidly growing industry, and many farmers find it a source of profit.

**Poultry**

Another of the profitable industries is poultry raising, unlimited demand for both birds and eggs being assured during all the year. A factory at Aylmer yearly cans large quantities of all kinds of poultry.

**CORN, GRAINS, AND SEEDS**

**Corn**

The staple crop is corn, (maize or Indian corn). Great attention is paid to its cultivation, and by this valuable cereal thousands of dollars are added to the annual income of the farmers of Elgin County. So great has been the success, not only in the quantity, but also in the quality, that the demand for Elgin seed corn has exceeded the supply. Large orders come annually from the United States and elsewhere.

**Grain**

Practically all grains grow in Elgin with good success, including wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, beans, peas, and millet.



**Aggie Mercedes**  
Record, 27 lbs. butter in one week as a junior 4-year-old



**A Poultry Shipment**



**An Apple Orchard**

COUNTY OF ELGIN



Threshing Clover Seed



A Cabbage Plantation



A Tobacco Field

COUNTY OF ELGIN

**Hay**

Hay of the very best quality is grown in large quantities for feeding horses and other live stock, the surplus finding a ready market in other parts of the Province and in the United States. Last year 72,000 acres produced 94,000 tons, valued at \$1,350,000.

**Alfalfa, Red Clover, and Alsike**

These valuable fodder crops are raised with much success. In sections suitable to alfalfa, three crops a year may be harvested.

**Beans and Peas**

The raising of beans is one of the most profitable industries, Elgin being located in the limited bean belt. The crop on some farms is often as high as fifty acres, yielding from twenty to thirty bushels per acre. Peas also are a valuable crop, especially since canning factories have been opened in different parts of the county.

**Market Gardening**

Garden truck, such as cabbage, radishes, beets, asparagus, onions, cucumbers, melons, celery, tomatoes, carrots, potatoes, sweet corn, rhubarb, etc., of the finest quality is raised in the county, finding a ready market the year round within the county and adjoining cities, with the result that many men have found that it pays them better to live in comfort on ten acres and raise garden truck than attempt to work a big farm.

**Tobacco**

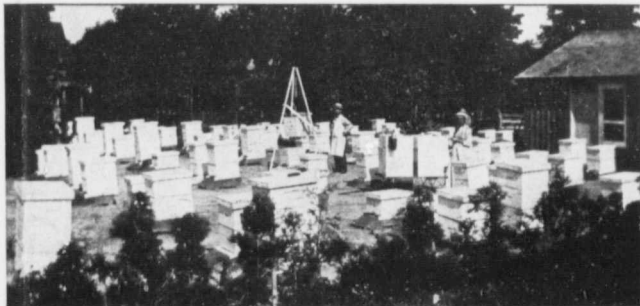
The growing of this commodity has, during the past few years, received much attention, and its cultivation has met with success. The production averages about 1,500 pounds to the acre, with a return to the grower of from \$175 to \$200 per acre.



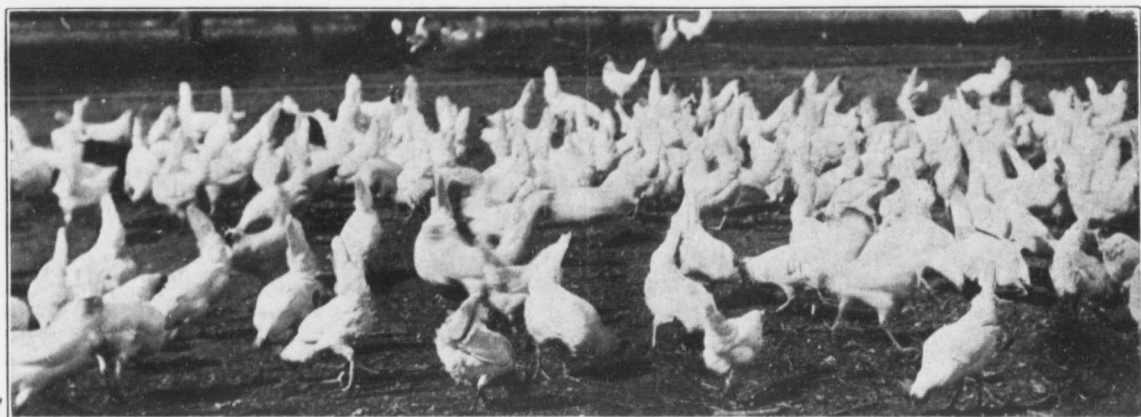
A Corn Field



Beans in Young Peach Orchard



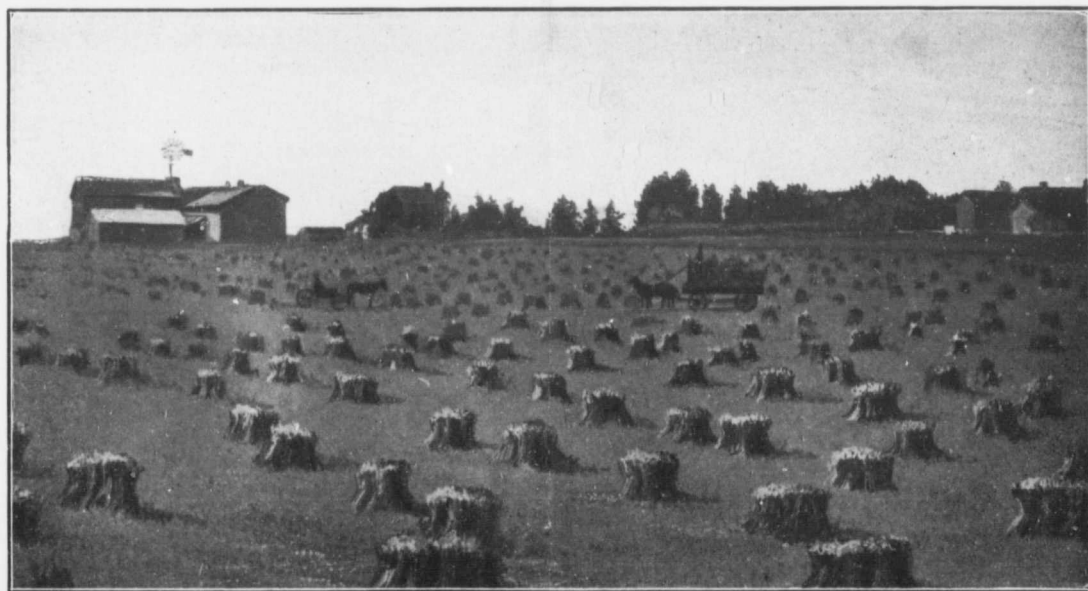
An Apiary



A Flock of Chickens



In a Maple Sugar Bush



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Harvesting

### FISHERIES

With a coast line of over sixty miles bordering on Lake Erie, the county has a largely developed fishing industry. White fish, perch, pickerel and herring are the principal fish, and with a practically unlimited market the business is very profitable. Shipments made in the county reach the large Canadian markets the same day and the American markets the following morning.

### GOVERNMENT HELP

Realizing the importance of keeping the farmer in close touch with the latest results from experiments at the Agricultural College and the Experimental Farms, the Government has placed two agricultural experts in the county to assist farmers in carrying out the most approved ideas in connection with their work.

### HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER

The transmission by the Government of electricity from Niagara Falls to the county has been welcomed by many farmers who are making use of it for light and power for farm work. The streets and houses of city, town, and village are lighted by it, and it is rapidly becoming the principal source of power in the factories.

### EDUCATION, CHURCHES, AND SOCIAL LIFE

The county has a large number of excellent public and high schools, and a very high standard of education prevails. Churches of practically all denominations care for the religious requirements of the community.

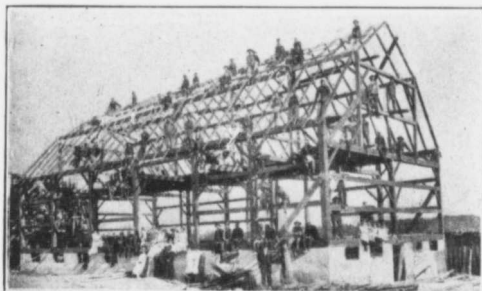
Throughout the county are found many summer resorts, parks, theatres, women's institutes, agricultural and horticultural societies, clubs and lodges of the various friendly and fraternal societies.

### TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION

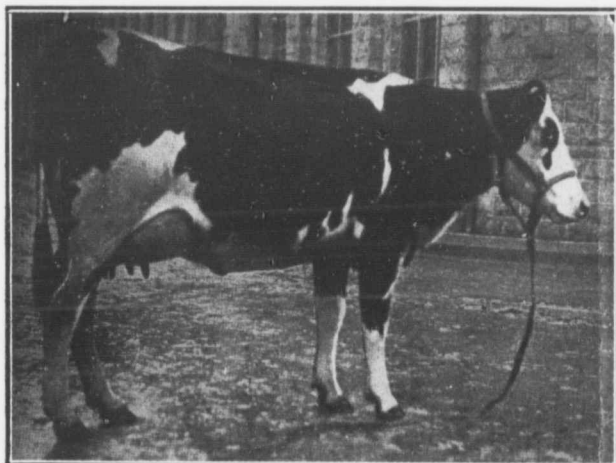
The public highways are maintained in good condition by the municipal authorities. Six lines of railway cross the county, east and west and north and south, affording transportation and shipping facilities to every part of the Dominion, the United States, and the whole world. The Bell Telephone Company and many rural lines, along with two telegraph companies, provide quick and easy business communication, covering the whole American continent, while a wireless station has been established on the shore of the lake to keep in touch with boats plying thereon. Rural mail deliveries reach every part of the county daily.

For further particulars relative to the advantages of Elgin, write to

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A Barn Raising



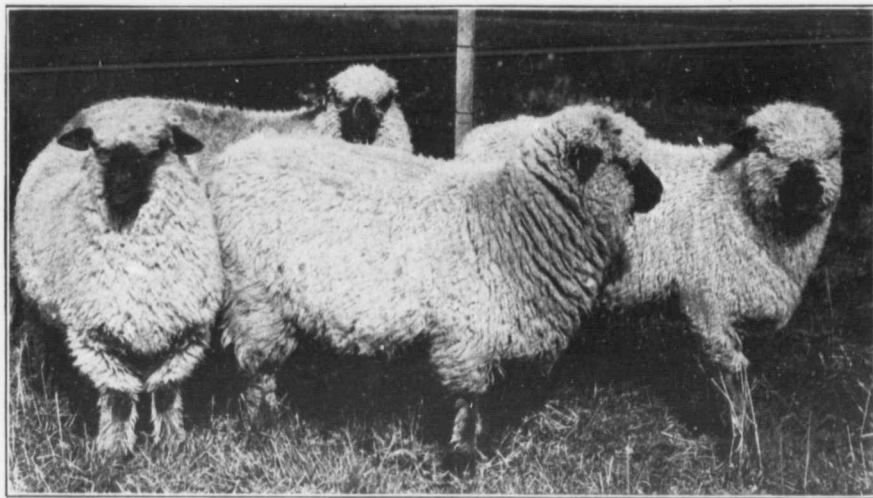
National Queen De Kol

Champion Canadian 2-year-old in public test.



Prize Winners

COUNTY OF ELGIN



Oxford Downs



A Model Farm



A Modern Farm Home



City Hall



THE CITY OF ST. THOMAS

The Progressive Industrial and Railroad Centre

**F**EATURED with a healthy climate, a central situation unexcelled as a place of residence, with reasonable taxation, the centre of a wealthy farming district, St. Thomas, midway between the Detroit and Niagara Rivers, half a dozen miles from the lake, stands unsurpassed as the pivotal industrial point of Southern Ontario and the strategic hub of mercantile and commercial distribution whose spokes reach out to all important centres on the American continent.

POPULATION AND ASSESSMENT

St. Thomas possessing unequalled transportation facilities, is distinctly the Railway City of Canada. It is the divisional point of five big international steam railroads, the Michigan Central, the Wabash, the Canadian Pacific, the Grand Trunk, and Pere-Marquette, and the centre of traffic for Ontario's best electrical roads, namely, the London and Port Stanley and the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company, with prospective radials eastward and westward through rich agricultural fruit and dairying country to connect surrounding towns. The electric railways through Port Stanley give service with the principal Canadian and American ports on the Great Lakes.

Besides offering these foremost facilities of transportation to the manufacturing world, St. Thomas has much to recommend itself as a favorable location for industries. Its advantages include unlimited hydro-electric power municipally owned, furnished at a cost very low, compared with other cities, cheap and advantageous sites convenient to railways and lake navigation, freedom from labor disturbances, and a modern waterworks system, with a never failing supply unrivalled in purity.

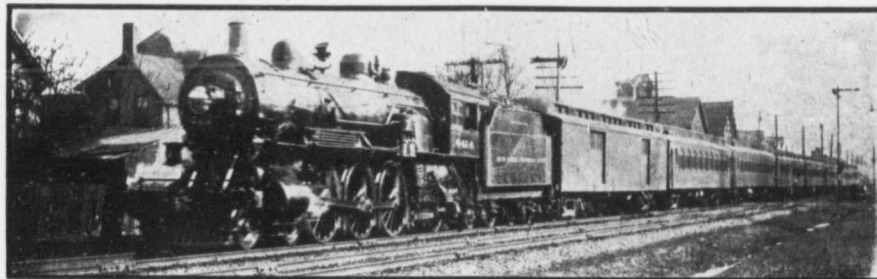
St. Thomas will extend to intending manufacturers the assurance that they and their employees are settling amongst a people of unquestioned worth, law abiding and progressive.

Population, 1910 .....	14,872	Assessment, 1910 .....	\$7,357,021
Population, 1912 .....	15,458	Assessment, 1912 .....	8,324,672
Population, 1914 .....	18,000	Assessment, 1914 .....	9,500,000



Street Scenes





#### TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES

**F**ROM the standpoint of railway accommodation, St. Thomas offers absolutely unequalled facilities for the manufacturer. The five steam railroads cater for passenger and freight business, and some of the fastest trains in America, including the Chicago-New York limited trains of the New York Central lines, run through the Railway City, carrying the business man at a mile-a-minute rate to the commercial centres of Canada and the United States over night. Up-to-the-minute equipment, competition and excellent management have reduced to a minimum the possibility of danger to railway employees and patrons. There are fifty-six passenger trains which stop at St. Thomas every twenty-four hours, and an average of about eighty-five freight trains.

The electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway, and also the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company, afford electric service from St. Thomas to Port Stanley, and quick communication between St. Thomas and a section of rich farming district.

From Port Stanley there is a regular steamship service for passengers to Cleveland, which is just across the lake. Large boats of the Great Lakes stop at this port and ocean vessels will call there after the enlargement of the Welland Canal.

Electric radial railways, one St. Thomas to Port Burwell, east thirty miles, and another running west 115 miles to Windsor, are assured in the near future. The rapid development of the southern counties, the garden of Canada, will make St. Thomas the centre of a veritable network of radial lines.

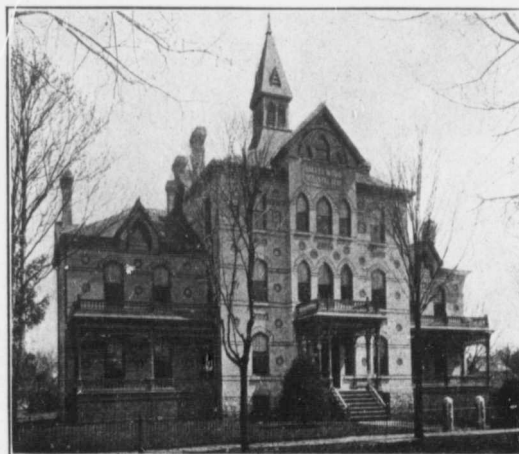
An electric street railway owned by the municipality provides good service and cheap fares throughout the city.

#### ST. THOMAS'S LAKE PORT

St. Thomas's lake Port (Port Stanley), opposite Cleveland, Ohio, open practically twelve months of the year, is the best harbor on the Canadian side of the lake. Its importance to the manufacturing and railway interests of St. Thomas may be gathered from the fact that during 1912, 3,580 cars of coal, steel, coke, and grain were brought into St. Thomas through this port. It is the natural point of entry into Ontario for the products of the steel and coal industries of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

The traffic entering Port Stanley averages more than 2,000 cars per month. The facilities for traffic interchange over the five railroads entering St. Thomas has had to do with popularizing it for international shipments, and hundreds of carloads of coal, coke, and structural steel for Canada enter via St. Thomas's lake port. It is also growing in favor as a lightering point for the grain boats which ply the lakes, carrying the products of Western Canada.

The picturesqueness of Port Stanley has made it an ideal summer resort, and thousands of citizens from St. Thomas and other centres have their summer cottages there—only forty minutes ride from St. Thomas.



Amasa Wood Hospital



**ST. THOMAS INDUSTRIAL**

**M**ORE than 2,000 men are in the remunerative service of the five great railway companies. In the locomotive and train service exceptionally high wages are paid. In the G. T. R.-Wabash shops many are employed, and lately the volume of work has been increased by the requirements of the Wabash railroad. At the Pere-Marquette roundhouse and shops, modern equipment and good wages enable hundreds of men to work under favorable conditions. The Michigan Central station, roundhouse, and extensive railroad yards, for many years considered the mainstay of St. Thomas, are being greatly improved, and an immense new modern roundhouse now affords protection for the latest type of locomotives and many well paid employees. New machine shops, of concrete and steel, architecturally very superior, are nearing completion, and yard improvements and additional equipment recently installed and about to be installed, costing approximately half a million, are a tribute to the confidence of the railway company in the future of St. Thomas, and the excellent service of more than one thousand employees. The prosperity of railway employees is evidenced by many large red pressed brick houses built and in course of erection in the new residential sub-divisions.

With an ever increasing appreciation of the benefits of its railroads, St. Thomas is fast becoming an important manufacturing centre. The transportation facilities, both steam and electric, have done much to this end.

In the centre of this booklet are some small views of leading industries:

**Thomas Bros., Limited**, manufacture storm and screen doors, woodenware, brooms and brushes, for a world-wide market, employing about 300 people. Plans for an additional factory are under consideration to double capacity.

**C. Norsworthy Co., Limited**, manufacture engines, boilers, furnaces, and employ machinists and foundry men, and have recently added splendid buildings to the old Red Foundry.

**The Nursery Shoe Co.** manufacture misses' and children's shoes of such excellent grade that factory built three years ago is not half big enough.

**Monarch Knitting Co., Limited**, manufacture woollen goods from the wool to the finest sweater coats and other garments, and have magnificent red pressed brick modern factory buildings for 600 hands.

**E. T. Wright Co.** have been manufacturing high grade men's shoes in St. Thomas, in temporary quarters, since 1911, and in their immense factory in Rockland, Mass., for many years, and now have in St. Thomas a new red pressed brick five storey factory, with all modern appointments, for more than 500 employees.

**The Erie Iron Works, Limited**, employ machinists and foundry men, woodworkers and painters, and manufacture cauldrons, farm machinery and other implements, in large factory buildings to which additions of 1913 have doubled the capacity.



**ST. THOMAS INDUSTRIAL**

The **Empire Flour Mills Co.** operate two large mills, one amidst the M. C. R. and P. M. switching tracks, where the finest flour is made from wheat of the Prairie Provinces, received in cargoes via Port Stanley, and the City Mills with M. C. R. siding in the centre of the city, are busy both day and night.

**St. Thomas Packing Co.** purchase hogs from many counties, and have a modern public slaughter house and cold storage plant, completed during the year 1913, at a cost of more than \$120,000.00, from which fish, meat and dairy products are distributed over a large area.

**J. H. Still Co., Limited**, are big purchasers of timber, and manufacture handles and woodenware for a trade extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The **St. Thomas Brass Co.** erected in 1913 a modern foundry building, acknowledged to be the best brass foundry in Canada.

The **Noble Manufacturing Co., Limited**, completed in 1913 its factory building of red pressed brick, with five working floors, equipped with modern machinery for making biscuits, high grade chocolates, and other confectionery, and manufacturing boxes, all of which are fast finding favor with discriminating merchants and the purchasing public. The factory has capacity for upwards of 500 hands.

The **Canada Iron Corporation, Limited**, manufacture car wheels, beams and other heavy iron products, and employ nearly 300 machinists and iron workers.

The **St. Thomas Metallic Vault Co.**, in their large two storey brick building, are making vaults of a new type for inclosing coffins for interment, which are burglar proof, the demand for which is growing apace.

In addition to the above, St. Thomas can boast of—

Heard & Co.'s large hub and spoke factory.

St. Thomas Dehydration Co.

Western Dairy and Provision Co., Limited.

Rudolph & Begg, Limited, Brewery.

Three large planing mills and factories, of **Green Lumber Co., Limited**; **Sanders & Bell, Limited**; and **H. Lindop**.

Three cigar factories, of (1) **B. F. Honsinger**; (2) **J. Crawford**; (3) **Trick & Co.**

**Ponsford's** cement block, brick, and tile works.

**Shafer's** shirt waist box factory.

**St. Thomas Soda Water Works.**

**Municipal World, Limited** (printers and publishers).

**Times Printing Co., Limited.**

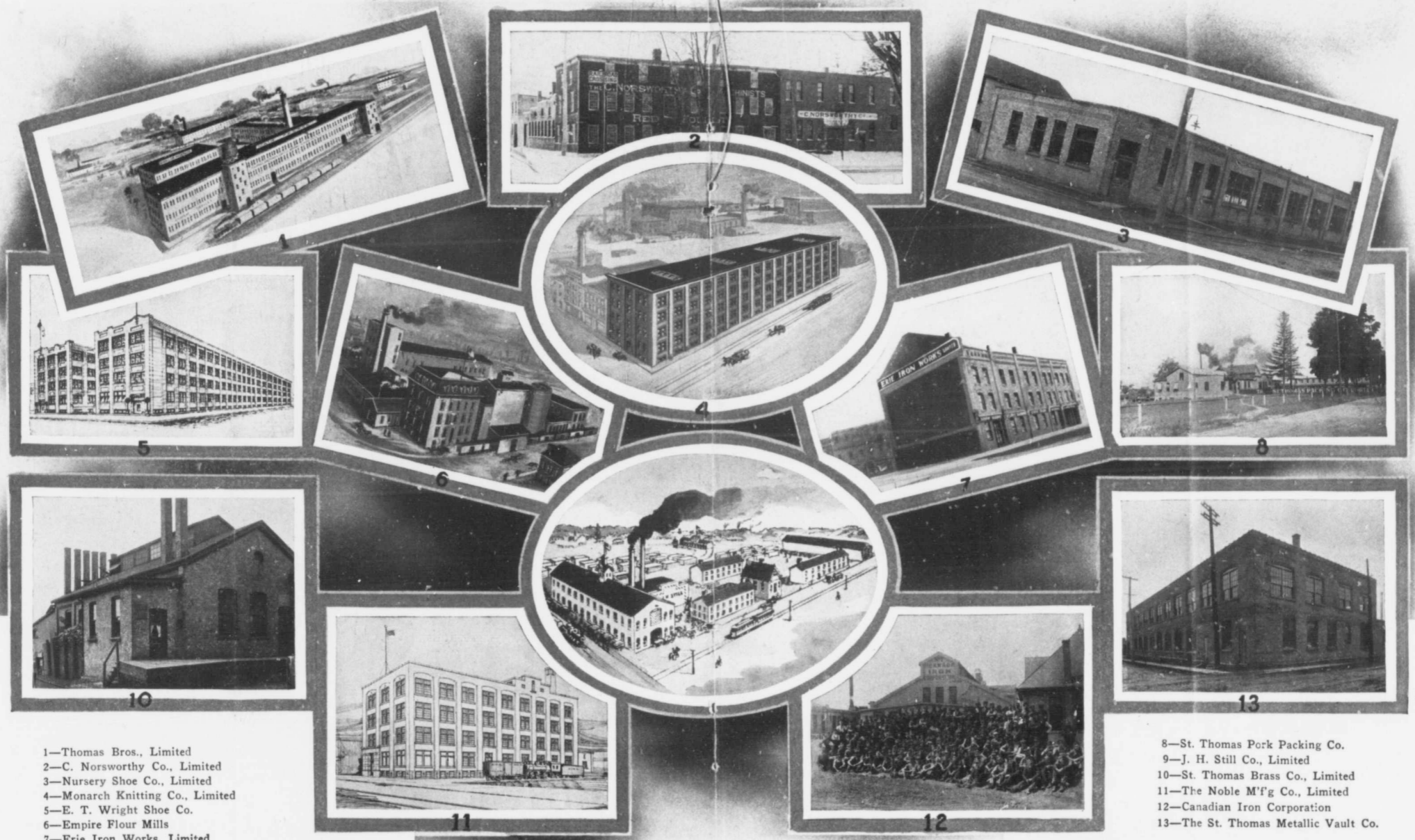
**Journal Printing Co., Limited.**

Two branches of **Green & Swift, Limited**, (men's clothing manufacturers).

**Henry Mfg. and Importing Co., Limited**, (gloves, mitts, etc.)

And others.

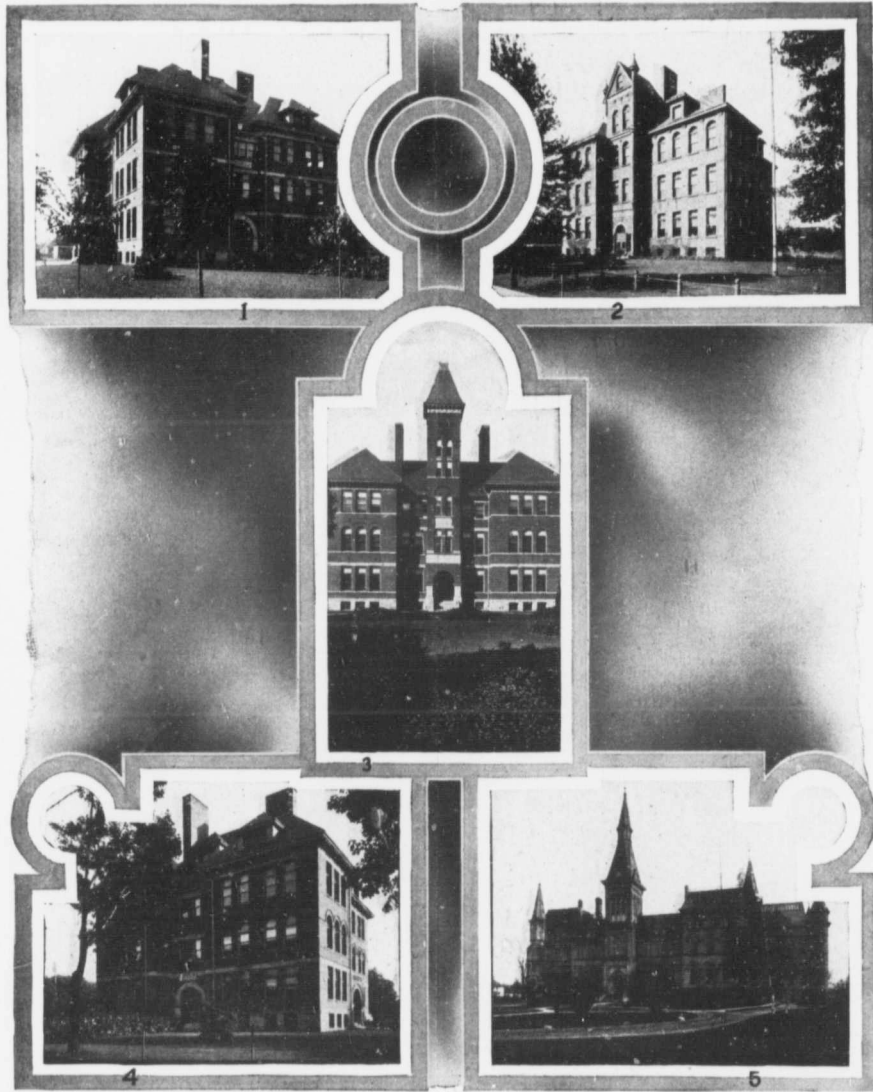
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- 7—Erie Iron Works, Limited

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- 9—J. H. Still Co., Limited
- 10—St. Thomas Brass Co., Limited
- 11—The Noble M'Fg Co., Limited
- 12—Canadian Iron Corporation
- 13—The St. Thomas Metallic Vault Co.

CITY OF ST. THOMAS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS



1—Wellington Street School. 2—Balaclava Street School. 3—Collegiate Institute  
4—Myrtle Street School. 5—Alma Ladies' College

Information concerning St. Thomas as a desirable location for an industrial or business enterprise, or as a place of residence, will be cheerfully furnished on application to the Secretary of the Industrial Committee, St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

TOWNSHIP OF ALDBOROUGH

THE most southerly and westerly township in the county has an area of 75,000 acres, of which 57,000 are under cultivation, the holdings varying from 50 to 200 acres. The assessed value is about \$4,000,000. The population, including the Villages of Rodney and West Lorne, is about 5,000.

Aldborough has a frontage of about thirteen miles on Lake Erie. The water shed running from east to west, near the centre of the township, has an elevation of about 125 feet. The natural drainage is good and has been improved by a series of open and tile drains. The soil of the southern part is principally sandy loam well adapted to the production of everything that can be produced in Canada. Ample rainfall and long sunny days ensure the ripening of peaches, tomatoes, tobacco, etc. The land is entirely free from rock or stone.

From four acres of orchard 800 barrels of apples were produced in 1912. The same season several farmers received \$3,000 each for their bean crop, and from \$160 to \$225 per acre was realized from tobacco, which is just being introduced.

The north-easterly part of the township is principally clay loam, especially adapted for general farming, grazing, and dairying. Two cheese factories are conveniently located. The soil of the westerly part is mainly gravelly loam. Natural gas is obtainable in some sections for heating and lighting purposes at an initial cost of about \$35, each farmer having his own well, from which gas is obtained at a depth of about 120 feet.

Owing to the diversity of soil and beneficial climatic conditions, Aldborough presents many advantages for more intensive farming operations, including horticulture, for which suitable improved land can be had at from \$50 to \$100 per acre. There are excellent openings for capital and labor. Similar lands located elsewhere now sell at from \$300 to \$500 per acre.

Aldborough has excellent railway facilities, good roads and schools, rural mail deliveries, and telephone service; in fact, every up-to-date convenience is supplied. Electric current is available from the Government hydro-electric power line, and the main pipe line of the natural gas company crosses the township, from which gas is available for lighting, heating, and manufacturing.

Experienced farm laborers and domestics can be given employment at good wages.

Address all communications to the Township Clerk, Rodney, Ont.



An Aldborough Home



A Shock of Corn

COUNTY OF ELGIN

THE TOWNSHIP OF BAYHAM

**B**AYHAM, the most easterly township of the County of Elgin, adjoins the Counties of Oxford and Norfolk. It has a population of about 3,500, mainly of English descent, interspersed with descendents of the United Empire Loyalists.

Its soil is of great fertility, the land being of a rolling character. Splendid natural drainage exists. Fruits of all kinds are raised in rich abundance, especially in the southern part of the township, where peaches, apples, pears, plums, and small fruits reach a perfection unsurpassed in any other part of Ontario.

Corn and other grains are raised throughout the township with much success, as also are vegetables of all kinds, for which a ready market is found in adjoining towns. Factories for canning fruit and vegetables are located within the township at Port Burwell and Vienna.

A great deal of attention is given to cattle raising and many record milking cows are to be found in the herds of those engaged in the dairying industry. A large milk condensing factory at Tillsonburg, and cheese factories in the township, provide a ready and handy market for the sale of milk.

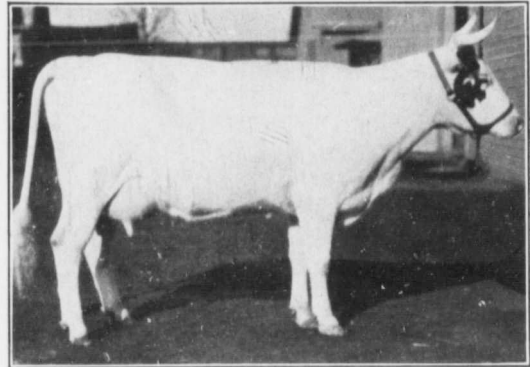
Port Burwell, an important fishing port, possesses a splendid harbor which is connected with United States ports by car ferry engaged in delivering coal, etc., to the Canadian Pacific Railway, which runs north through the township. This line, together with the Grand Trunk and Wabash Railways in the northern part, provide excellent shipping facilities.

The Big Otter Creek, which runs the whole length of the township, and which was at one time alive with the lumber industry, possesses untold latent power, and with development may again be made a big source of wealth. Hydro-electric energy to supply the community with light and power might readily be obtained at many points.

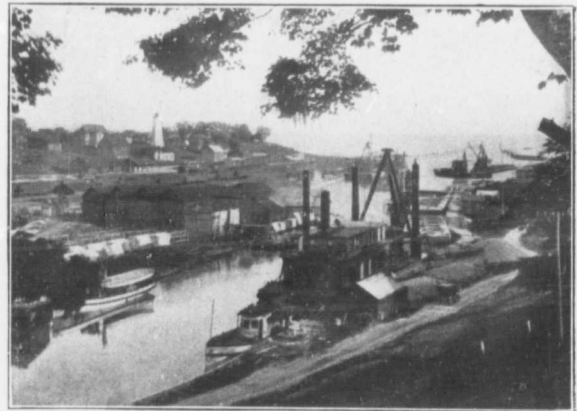
Splendid schools are located throughout the township, and churches of various denominations are within easy reach of the people.

Farm help is greatly needed, and for the man who desires to go in for farming himself, land of the best quality is available and cheap.

Further particulars will be sent on application to the Township Clerk, Straffordville, Ont.



**White Lass**  
Purebred Ayrshire. First in her class and dairy test at Guelph and Toronto, 1913



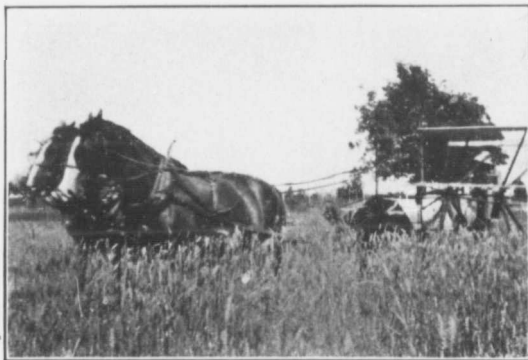
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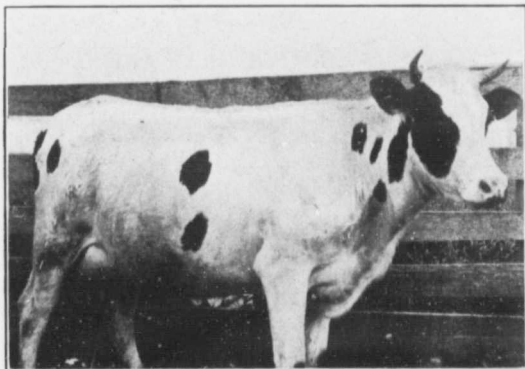
Strawberries



Springfield Station



Cutting Grain



Holstein, "Registered"

COUNTY OF ELGIN  
**THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH DORCHESTER**

**S**OUTH DORCHESTER, while one of the best and most progressive in many ways, is the smallest township in the County of Elgin, having an area of fifty-five square miles, with a population of 1,700.

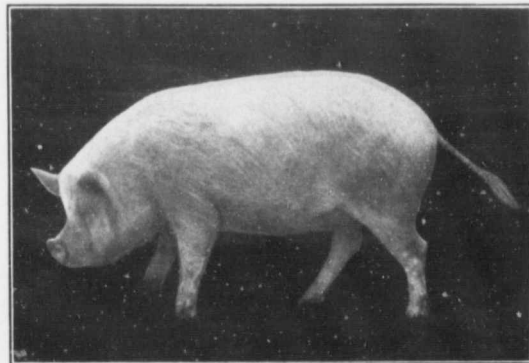
General farming is carried on with much success, but it is for dairy farming and beef raising that South Dorchester is best known. It is noted as possessing a number of record milch cows among its dairy herds, and also for the high standard of the horses raised within its borders.

Oats is one of the favorite crops and perhaps the best, the soil being especially adapted to grain growing. In 1911 no less than fifteen farmers, members of the local agricultural society, entered their crops of oats in the Provincial standing crops competition, and secured, on an average, eighty-three points.

Within easy driving distance of the City of St. Thomas and Town of Aylmer, the township has almost at its doors two of the best markets available for dairy produce. Two railways, the Michigan Central running along the southern border of the township, and the C. P. R. cutting across the north-west corner, provide excellent facilities for the shipping of stock, grain, etc., to even larger markets. Cheese and butter factories, both in and adjoining the township, offer a ready market for milk and cream all the year round.

The demand for farm help, both male and female, is very great, and no better locality could be found for the farm laborer or for the man desiring to go into farming.

Further details may be obtained from the Municipal Clerk, South Dorchester, Belmofft P. O., Ontario.



A Thoroughbred Yorkshire

COUNTY OF ELGIN

TOWNSHIP OF DUNWICH

**D**UNWICH, the home of the Talbot Settlement, selected by the Honorable Colonel Talbot one hundred years ago as the centre of his colonization scheme, which included twenty-eight townships, is peopled to-day almost exclusively by a population of English, Irish, and Scotch descent.

It comprises an area of 69,000 acres bordering for a distance of twelve miles on the northern shore of Lake Erie. The southern part of the township is rich sandy loam, well adapted to the growing of fruits and vegetables. Apples, peaches, cherries, smaller fruits and berries grow abundantly in this section, as also do potatoes, tomatoes, tobacco, onions, cabbage, and other vegetables. The northern portion of the township is a clay loam and well adapted to the growing of wheat, corn, oats, beans, hay, and alfalfa. The raising of heavy horses, beef cattle, and poultry is carried on quite extensively and with good success.

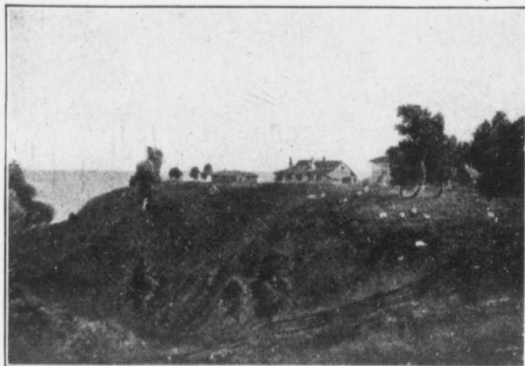
Rural telephone systems give direct communication with all business centres and rural free mail delivery covers practically the whole township. Free public schools furnish education for the ordinary duties of life, while the high school situated in the centre of the township provides the necessary training tending towards professional life. Churches of all denominations are accessible to all parts of the township.

Two lines of railroad, the Michigan Central and the Pere-Marquette, traverse the township and give direct and quick transportation to excellent nearby markets, and to all parts of the Dominion. The hydro-electric line from Niagara Falls runs through the centre of the township and furnishes electricity for light, heat, and power purposes. The main pipe line of the Dominion Natural Gas Company crosses the township, bringing that desirable commodity within the reach of all. Lake fisheries and petroleum fields are among the township's natural resources.

A representative of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, located at Dutton, the centre of the township, furnishes free information concerning agriculture.

Owing to lack of population and scarcity of labor, large tracts of this township which are suitable for growing fruit and vegetables are being used for ordinary farming.

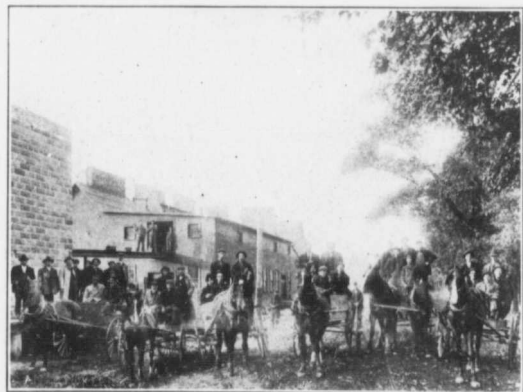
Information of the fullest kind may be had on application to the Clerk of the Township of Dunwich, Dutton, Ont.



Old Port Talbot



A Plowing Bee



Apple Pickers



THE TOWNSHIP OF MALAHIDE

**M**ALAHIDE is situated in the centre of the east half of the county, and contains 62,416 acres, of which 47,067 acres are cleared land, the balance being mainly timber land. The present population of the township is about 3,500, and the assessed value is \$2,657,246.

The land is nearly level, with a southward slope, which gives natural drainage, easily assisted by open and tile drains. The soil is divided into two divisions, the northern being a clay loam and the southern a sandy loam.

The township is laid out in concessions running east and west, which are divided by roads running north and south into blocks of 1,000 acres, divided into farms ranging in size from 50 to 200 acres each.

The climate is fairly moderate, the winter being usually short, with from four to six weeks of sleighing. The spring is, as a rule, early, followed by beautiful summer weather, while the autumns are perfect and frosts late.

The products of the township are to a certain extent controlled by the northern and southern divisions of the soil. In the north, dairying and grain growing are carried on extensively, while in the south grain and fruits of all kinds that can be produced in Canada, are grown successfully.

Several cheese and butter factories are located in the township. At Aylmer, a town located in the northern part of the township, a milk condenser and a canning factory provide a ready cash market for milk, corn, beans, peas, and poultry raised in the township. Aylmer is also a splendid shipping point for the larger markets east and west.

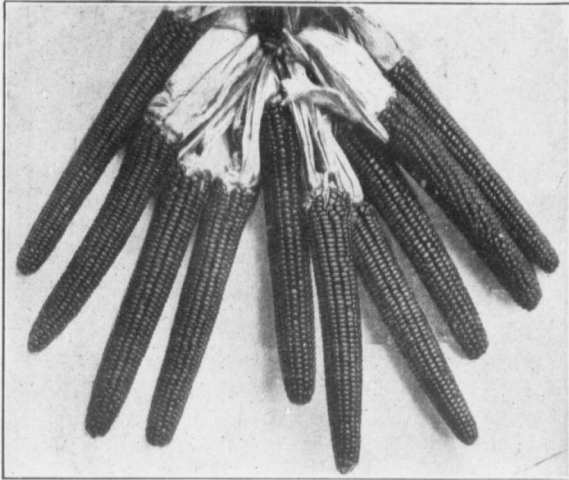
Port Bruce, a village located on the lake shore, carries on an extensive fishing industry, and exports large quantities of fish annually.

Three main line railroads cross the township east and west, giving splendid shipping and travelling facilities, while the construction of an electric radial road at an early date is anticipated.

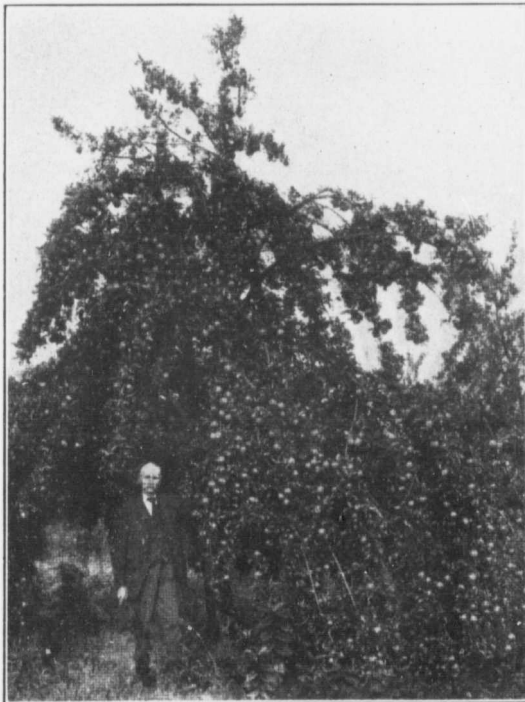
Farm life in Malahide is ideal. Nearly every farmer is now served daily by one of five rural mail routes, and most of them have telephone connection with Aylmer and with one another. Farm buildings, churches, schools, roads, etc., will compare favorably with those of any section in Canada.

Malahide is one of the best townships in Canada, and farmers require a great deal more farm help. A few score of married men with experience could easily find employment by the year.

For further details, apply to the Township Clerk of Malahide, Aylmer, Ont.



Corn grown by Mr. F. W. Ingram, Brother of the Bishop of London, England



In a Malahide Orchard

COUNTY OF ELGIN

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

**T**HE Township of Southwold adjoins the Township of Dunwich on the west, the Township of Yarmouth on the east, and borders on Lake Erie. It contains about 73,000 acres, with an intelligent population of English, Scotch, and Irish descent. The soil is mainly sandy loam with a clay subsoil, and is very fertile. The land is of a rolling nature. The watershed of Western Ontario passes through the centre from east to west and determines the course of the water which flows northward to the River Thames and southward to Lake Erie. It is one of the best tile drained portions of the Province of Ontario. Instances can be cited where there are forty miles of tile drains on 100 acres.

That portion lying between the ridge or watershed and the six miles of lake front is very suitable for the production of small fruits, such as cherries, plums, pears, peaches, strawberries, and raspberries, as well as apples, beans, tobacco, and garden products.

The educational and religious life of the township is well looked after by fifteen churches and seventeen schools. Its railroads and marketing facilities are unexcelled in America. Four systems of railways with three roadbeds—the Michigan Central, the Pere-Marquette, the Grand Trunk and Wabash, run east and west, giving direct connection with all the large centres of population. Two roads run north and south, viz., the St. Clair division of the M. C. R. and London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Co., the latter giving hourly service along the eastern border of the township and direct connection with London, St. Thomas and Port Stanley. The roads of the township compare favorably with any in the Province, and it has a net-work of rural telephone lines and daily mail delivery routes.

The township possesses no fewer than ten villages, which make it very convenient for the farmer. Last year from the Village of Shedden alone over 300 car loads of live stock, valued at over \$60,000, were shipped. Aside from this, the production of milk, cream, butter and cheese, fruit, vegetables and garden truck, all add enormously to the annual revenue.

There is a very general demand for farm laborers. A large acreage now devoted to pasture could easily maintain additional herds and flocks, or might be utilized for intensive farming.

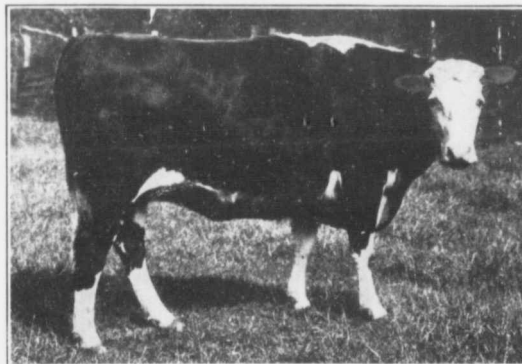
For further information, apply to the Clerk of Southwold, Fingal, Ont.



Southwold Thoroughbreds at Home



Jerseys



Ready for Market

THE TOWNSHIP OF YARMOUTH

**Y**ARMOUTH is the "Banner" township of the "Banner" county of the Province of Ontario. It comprises about one-fifth of the County of Elgin, and is one of the largest townships in the country. It contains about 70,000 acres of the most fertile land in the Dominion, with a population of 5,000.

While the varieties of soil within its borders divide the township almost naturally into three sections, the distinctive features of each are not confined thereto.

The southern or fruit belt produces peaches, grapes, apples, plums, and small fruits of quality in a luxuriance unsurpassed in any locality.

The middle or vegetable belt lends itself especially to intensive farming and the raising of market truck. Here some of the finest of potatoes, celery, onions, cabbages, water melons, and corn are grown, together with fruits of all kinds.

In the northern belt the dairying and cattle grazing interests hold sway, together with horse breeding. General farming is also carried on successfully in this section.

Yarmouth is most favorably situated in regard to markets. It surrounds the City of St. Thomas, with an industrial population of 18,000, in which there is always a big demand for farm produce of all kinds. Port Stanley, the best and busiest port on the north shore of Lake Erie, a favorite summer resort for the people of Ontario and for Americans, is in the southwestern corner of the township, and provides a market for its products. The six trunk railroads which centre in St. Thomas provide unsurpassed shipping facilities to still larger markets.

Excellent schools and numerous churches of various denominations provide for the educational and religious needs of the community.

Hydro power is utilized for lighting homes and farm buildings, for threshing, grinding, milking, etc.

The great need of Yarmouth is more population, and splendid opportunities abound here for the man who wishes to go in for farm life, either as an owner or a farm laborer. Land is available at low prices, while the demand for farm help is practically unlimited.

For further details and information, write the Township Clerk of Yarmouth, St. Thomas, Ont.



Picking Pears



Sparta Village and School Garden

COUNTY OF ELGIN

AYLMER

**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 descendants, 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.

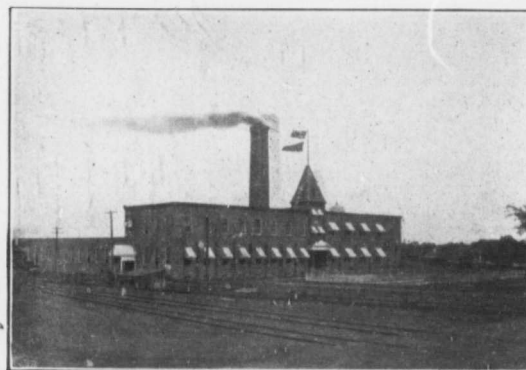
Aylmer is only eight miles from Lake Erie, one of the great inland lakes, is within easy reach of three good lake shipping ports, and is also served by three main line railways.

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



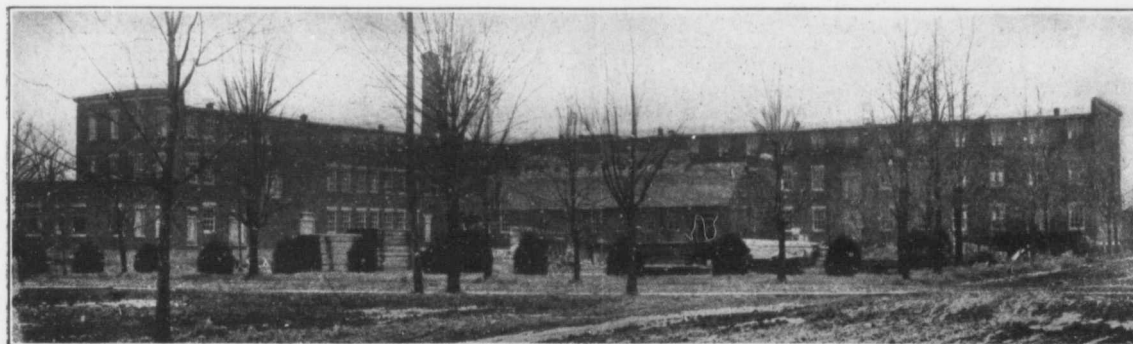
Condensed Milk Factory

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



Main Street, Dutton

### DUTTON

**D**UTTON, situated about twenty miles west of the City of St. Thomas, in the Township of Dunwich, is a prosperous village of about 1,000 population of different nationalities, Scotch predominating.

Located on the main line of the Michigan Central and Pere-Marquette international railroads, it is a big shipping point for the farm products of Dunwich. Twelve passenger trains daily provide quick access to all parts of Canada and the United States.

The village possesses a number of excellent stores of all kinds which compare favorably with those of larger towns and cities. Two chartered banks, with a large commercial and farming clientele, are indicative of the general prosperity of Dutton and its vicinity.

Besides its excellent stores, Dutton boasts of a number of industries, controlled by enterprising business men. These include a mill, from which large quantities of flour are annually shipped to the British Isles, two elevators, saw and planing mill, door and sash factory, a creamery which last year shipped over 240 tons of butter, vehicle factory, two foundries, pump factory, an apple evaporator, and a first class newspaper.

The Ontario Government has located the

agricultural representative's office here, making the village the centre of agricultural information for the western part of the County of Elgin.

Dutton boasts of one of the best main streets in Canada. This is eighty feet wide, with a ten-foot cement sidewalk on each side, the centre, sixty feet, being paved with stone and tarvia.

Dutton is located about six miles from Lake Erie on the south and the River Thames on the north, and is surrounded by a rich farming district with a considerable variety of soil, clay loam, sandy loam, clay and muckland, which will grow any produce required. Grain of all kinds and fruits of all varieties are grown successfully, while dairying and cattle raising are also carried on, large numbers of cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, etc., being shipped annually from this point.

Dutton possesses excellent public and high schools, and Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and Anglican churches.

A hydro-electric line runs through the village, furnishing all the power and light required, while a natural gas pipe line supplies gas for household, heating, and commercial purposes.

For further information as to the excellent opportunities Dutton offers to the manufacturer, mechanic, laborer, or private citizen, write to the Village Clerk, Dutton, Ontario, Canada.



The Breakwater, Casino, and Bathing Beach

### PORT STANLEY

THE largest and most commodious harbor on the north shore of Lake Erie, the most important of the Great Lakes, is situated at Port Stanley, the natural point of entry into Ontario for the products of the great steel and coal industries of Ohio and Pennsylvania. It has a daily car ferry service with United States ports across the lake, and an annual traffic of nearly 2,000 carloads per month.

Port Stanley is a favorite port of call for grain boats carrying the products of the Prairie Provinces to Ontario and other eastern points, last year's traffic in grain alone being over 600 carloads.

Port Stanley has a daily passenger service during the season with Cleveland and Montreal, and the St. Lawrence and Upper Lake Steamers give a frequent and regular service.

Port Stanley is renowned as the most prosperous fishing port on the lakes, having a fleet of twenty fishing tugs. The annual catch is valued at over \$200,000. Although Port Stanley has already the best port of shelter on the north shore of Lake Erie, the Government is expending a large sum of

money on the improvement of the harbor and docks and has located a life-saving station and apparatus there.

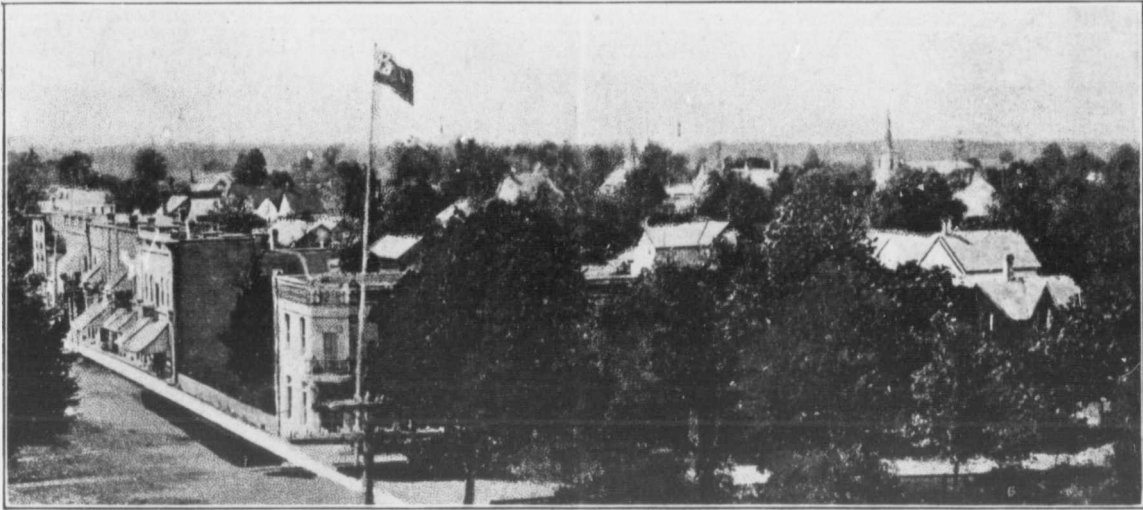
As a summer resort, Port Stanley is fast becoming the most popular in Ontario and is greatly favored by Americans, being one of the most picturesquely situated villages on the continent. With a permanent population of about 1,000, the port in summer nearly quadruples itself in size.

The village has excellent municipally owned electric light and waterworks systems. Its stores are up-to-date, its streets well paved with cement walks, and there are excellent public school and church accommodations.

An hourly electric railroad service and frequent steam road trains connecting at St. Thomas with five important railroad systems makes it a most popular port for international shipments.

Exceptional opportunities are offered to manufacturers, especially those connected with marine engineering and similar trades.

For further information about Port Stanley's manufacturing opportunities, its fishing trade, or its summer resort facilities, apply to the Municipal Clerk, Port Stanley, Ont.



Bird's Eye View of Rodney

**RODNEY**

**T**HE Village of Rodney, situated near the centre of the Township of Aldborough, is the capital, the municipal building owned jointly by the township and village being located there.

The village has a population of about 1,000, all speaking English, part being of German descent.

Twelve passenger and four local goods trains stop there daily on the two lines of railway, viz., the Michigan Central and Pere-Marquette. The Ontario Government hydro-electric trunk power line, Niagara Falls to Detroit, passes through the village, as does the main pipe line of the Dominion Natural Gas Company.

Rodney boasts of a school, employing five teachers, which was awarded a diploma at the World's



Rodney Fair

Fair, Chicago; Presbyterian, Baptist, Disciple, Methodist, Evangelical and Anglican churches, stores, banks, saw mills, sash and door factory, flour mills, grain elevators, evaporator, pickle salting station (Heintz & Co.), agricultural implement agencies, public library, newspaper, two medical doctors, one veterinary, dentist, photographer, etc.; in fact, all lines of commercial activity are represented. Rodney is one of the best grain and bean markets in Ontario. Good water, natural gas, concrete walks, excellent drainage, telephone and telegraph connections, etc., are among the advantages of Rodney.

There is an excellent opening for a canning factory, the soil and climate being especially adapted to the growing of fruit and vegetables, including corn and tomatoes. There is also an opening for manufacturing of various kinds, market gardening, fruit culture, poultry raising, nursery, green houses, etc. Some results from one acre are: Potatoes, \$300; strawberries, \$250 to \$400; raspberries, \$200 up; pickles, \$150 to \$200; apples, peaches, cherries, and all kinds of fruits and vegetables in like proportion.

Rodney is five miles from Lake Erie, thirty-two from St. Thomas, and two hours' ride from ican border.

One hundred or more experienced farm laborers and domestics can be placed, also workmen and girls in the present industries. Special inducements to manufacturers.

For further particulars apply to the Village Clerk, Rodney, Ontario.

COUNTY OF ELGIN

SPRINGFIELD

**S**PRINGFIELD is a prosperous village situated between the Townships of Malahide and South Dorchester, fifteen miles east of St. Thomas, on the main line of the Michigan Central railway. It is surrounded by one of the best dairy districts in the Province, twelve cheese and butter factories being located within a radius of twelve miles, and a large milk condensing factory in the village.

The village derives its name from the numerous springs which constantly supply an abundance of the best water.

Springfield is the central point for three rural telephone systems and several mail routes.

The main line of the Michigan Central railway provides transportation with ten passenger trains daily and ideal shipping facilities for farm products.

Its principal industries are a large pea canning factory, a seventy-five barrel roller process flour mill, a planing and saw mill, and a two-hundred ton cheese factory. Its places of business include two banks, a twenty-horse livery stable, hotel, elevators, foundry and machine shop, blacksmiths, druggists, cooperages, two hardware stores, and many other general lines of business.

A continuation high school and public school and three churches provide for the educational and religious requirements of the district.

Springfield is lighted by a public acetylene gas plant. The roads are all crushed stone, kept in excellent condition, with sidewalks of cement. There are openings in Springfield for the following: automobile garage, foundry, building contractors and carpenters, undertaker, brick and tile yard, and a large number of farm laborers.

For further particulars address the Village Clerk, Springfield, Ont.



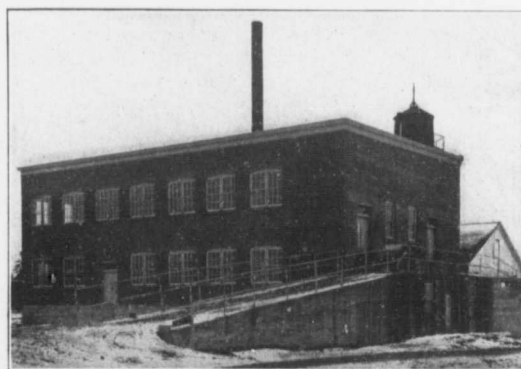
Business Block



A Village Church



Elgin Flowers



Milk Condenser





Vienna Mills

### VIENNA

**V**IENNA, located on the Otter Creek three miles from Lake Erie, is one of the most picturesque villages in Ontario, being surrounded on three sides by hills. It was founded in 1830, and in 1850 was the centre of an immense lumbering business then carried on in the Township of Bayham, which kept busy no less than twenty-four saw mills.

During part of his childhood, the home of Thomas Alva Edison, the great inventor, was in Vienna, where many of his relatives still reside. Stories of his precocity as a child are still told by some of the older residents. Edison's mother, Nancy Elliott, was the teacher of the first school established in Vienna, and his uncle, John Elliott, was its first reeve. His eldest brother and two sisters were born there, and the graves of four generations of the Edison family are to be found in the vicinity.

The chief natural resource of the locality has changed from lumber to natural gas, of which there is apparently a very abundant supply, twenty-four wells being located within the village. These reach the rock at a depth of 1,400 feet, and the pressure averages 700 pounds. The gas, which is of excellent quality, practically odorless and of good heating power, is utilized for lighting and heating the village at a cost of fifteen cents for domestic purposes and

ten cents for manufacturing purposes. It is also piped to Port Burwell, Aylmer, Tillsonburg, and intermediate places.

In the Otter Creek a hundred horse power of undeveloped energy is available. At the present time only forty horse power is in use for the grist mill and canning factory.

Vienna has an evaporator, a cheese factory, brick and tile yard, besides a number of general business stores. Telephone communication is provided by the Bell Company and a rural line throughout the surrounding district.

Vienna is served by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and the Grand Trunk Railway Company has a line surveyed and partly graded within a mile of the village.

Being the centre of a very productive country, with a soil of rich clay loam, corn, peaches, apples, small fruits, and all northern grains and vegetables are raised.

A high school, public school, library, and several churches offer educational and religious advantages, while three mails are received at the post office daily.

The location of Vienna and its climate, along with the proximity of several medicinal springs, would make it an ideal place for a sanatorium.

Enquiries as to commercial or other openings in Vienna or vicinity will be gladly answered by the Municipal Clerk, Vienna, Ont.



Graham Street, West Lorne

#### WEST LORNE.

**W**EST LORNE, a thriving village of 900 population, is located in the eastern half of Aldborough township, 28 miles west of St. Thomas, 87 miles east of Detroit, and about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Lake Erie. It is an important coaling and watering point on the Michigan Central and Pere-Marquette railroads, where thirty-five men are permanently stationed.

West Lorne offers an ideal home to the workman, a number of manufacturing plants being located there. The canning factory of The Dominion Cannery, Limited, employs about eighty men and women. Other busy concerns are the



Apples

large saw mills, the turning mill, broom and whisk works, flour mills, foundry and machine shops.

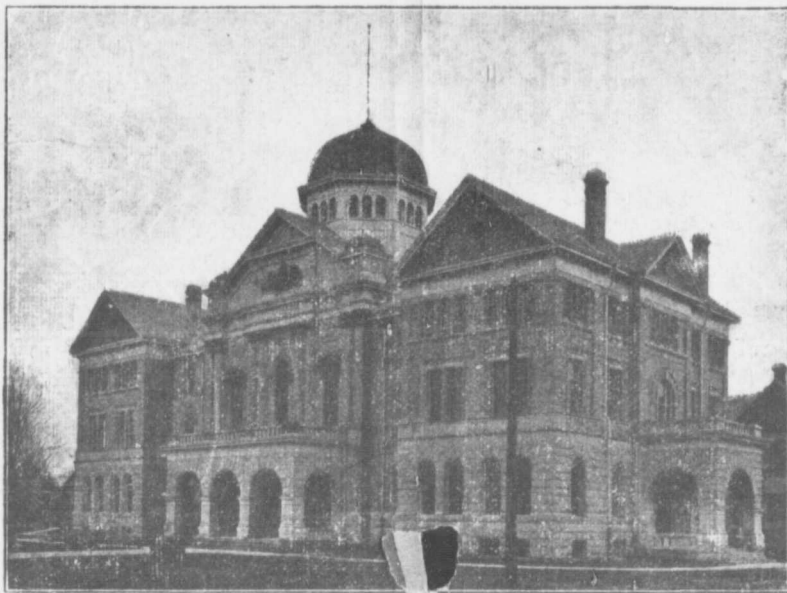
West Lorne is surrounded by a very fertile territory, the soil between the village and the lake being a sandy loam, particularly adapted to the fruit industry and market gardening. Beans, corn, and tobacco are grown successfully. North of the village clay loam predominates, and large crops of corn, wheat, oats, barley, and beans are raised.

Cheap light, power and transportation are assured by the hydro-electric power line which passes through the village, while fuel for domestic and manufacturing purposes is supplied by natural gas which is piped through.

West Lorne has an excellent public school and continuation high school, where a good elementary and secondary education can be secured. It has six churches, viz., Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican, Baptist, Disciples', and Roman Catholic; and nearly all the fraternal societies are represented.

West Lorne offers exceptional opportunities to the manufacturer seeking a location, as rents are low, the tax rate nominal, and the town entirely free from debt. To the farmer who will grow fruit and vegetables, the opportunities are unlimited, the two railroads providing speedy transportation to large markets both east and west, while the canning factory takes unlimited quantities of corn, peas, beans, apples, and small fruits.

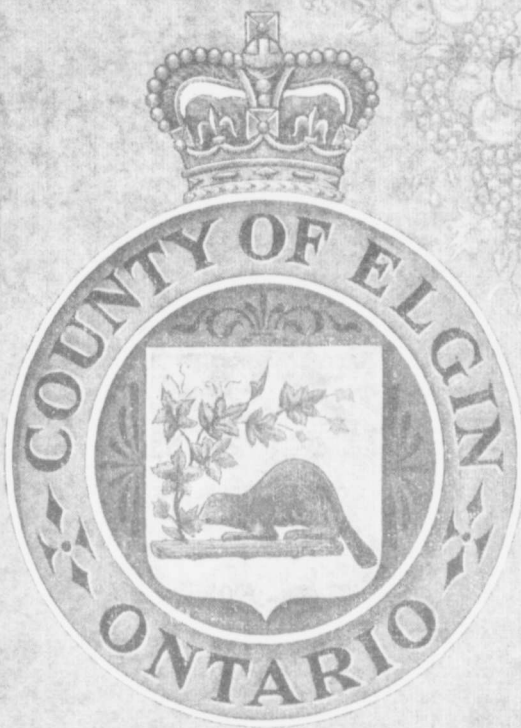
For further information, apply to the Municipal Clerk, West Lorne, Ont.



Elgin County Court House at St. Thomas

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