

Provincial Farm School, La Gorgendière.—This is a Government farm which trains each year a certain number of students anxious to devote themselves to agricultural practice, animal husbandry, field crops or horticulture.

Ontario

Kemptville Agricultural School.—The Kemptville Agricultural School which is operated by the Ontario Department of Agriculture for the benefit of agriculture in eastern Ontario, now offers restricted accommodation due to the fact that four of the main buildings have been lent to the Department of National Defence for a School of Army Administration.

The remaining accommodation, consisting of one classroom building, barns and farm, form the nucleus for instruction, experimental and extension work. The longer term courses in agriculture and home economics have been cancelled and a three-month course for cheese- and butter-makers is carried on during the winter. Throughout the whole year a service is maintained to supply cultures to the many cheese factories.

An extension program is conducted which deals with experimental work with soils and fertilizers, including variety test work with cereal crops, and a soil-testing laboratory is maintained.

Poultry extension includes assistance to poultry raisers in feeding, management and control of diseases. This is a service for which there is a great deal of demand. Besides the extension work, a high-class breeding flock is maintained for the improvement of the poultry flocks in eastern Ontario.

Extension work is also carried on with orchard and horticultural crops and gardens and orchards are maintained for production and experimental work.

Breeding herds of dairy cattle and swine are also maintained for the distribution of purebred sires and females, which are widely distributed over eastern Ontario.

Alberta

School of Agriculture, Olds.—The school was established in 1913 to provide additional education to the young people from the farms of Alberta. The school is operated by the Department of Agriculture. Most of the students come from the rural areas but others are admitted. While the majority of those who enroll have taken one to three years of high school work this is not a pre-requisite for admission. The two-year course in agriculture is planned to acquaint students with the principles underlying successful farming. The majority of the graduates return to the farms, but a few each year proceed to the University for the degree course in agriculture. The two-year course in home economics is primarily one for homemakers and specializes in sewing, cooking, dietetics, home nursing and household administration, but some attention is given to horticulture, poultry, and rural sociology. Some of the graduates proceed to the University to study for the degree of B.H.Ec.

The school carries on considerable experimental work with feed and horticultural crops. Several hundred varieties of apples, crabs, plums, cherries, apricots and pears are under test, as well as small fruits. A number of fruit plantations in the district are supervised.