

homes, better schools and churches, than towns elsewhere on the continent of much greater population and many decades older.

The same is relatively true of the smaller towns and villages. Little towns of a few hundred people, which in some cases have come into existence within the last three or four years, are provided with better stores and general business equipment, and better schools and churches and hotels than would usually be found in any rural district in Eastern Canada or the United States. **People Progressive**

Progressive ideas prevail throughout the country. Edmonton was the first town in Canada to own and operate its own electric light and power, and telephone systems. It was also the first town in Canada to build and operate a municipally owned street railway system. Edmonton was the first city in Canada to adopt a modern system of taxation, under which land value only is the basis of assessment. Edmonton's example has been followed by smaller towns with very progressive tendencies, such as Stratheona and Red Deer. Alberta was the first Canadian province to instal a publicly owned telephone system, owned and operated by the government, and covering practically the entire settled portion of the province. This was done, notwithstanding that one of the great monopolies was already on the ground. The monopoly sold out to the Government, and retired from long-distance business in Alberta. Edmonton was the first city in Western Canada and the second in the Dominion to instal the modern automatic telephone system. **Modern Ideas in Alberta**

In many of the better settled portions of the district the farmers are supplied with telephone service, 290 such 'phones being served from the exchanges at Edmonton and Stratheona, and large numbers from all the smaller towns. **Farm Telephones**

Rural mail delivery is afforded farmers along all main roads throughout the district. Good schools, churches, post offices and fair roads are found everywhere throughout the settled portions of Central Alberta. **Rural Mail Delivery**

From the foregoing, it will be seen that not much in the way of "roughing it" need be encountered by the prospective settler, and that he will have much the same conveniences as in much older communities. This statement of course does not apply to districts of Central Alberta where free land is still available, as settlement must precede such development. **No "Roughing it"**

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Prospective settlers in rural districts need have no anxiety in regard to the possibility of getting their children educated. The Provincial Government has adopted a very progressive policy in regard to public education, and has made very liberal provision for **Educational Facilities**