

DAIRYING

Dairy cattle can be handled more cheaply in Central Alberta than **Dairying** probably in any other portion of the continent. As previously stated, feed can be produced very cheaply. The period for which cattle have to be housed is more limited than in most other portions of Canada; even during mid-winter it is customary for milking cows to be turned out during the day. Notwithstanding the fact that cattle can be handled and fed very cheaply, the prices obtained by the farmers in Central Alberta are much higher than those usually obtained elsewhere. Throughout the older settled portions of the district, creameries have **Creameries** been established. Some of these are under the direction of the Provincial Government, which has pursued a very progressive policy in the way of encouraging and assisting the establishment of creameries wherever there is a sufficient number of cows to warrant it; and the Department has also established a very effective organization for the marketing of the output of these or other creameries wishing to avail themselves of its services, with the result that the creameries are always sure of exceedingly satisfactory prices for their output, the patrons supplying the cream receiving the full benefit of the high prices obtained, less a certain fixed sum for the cost of manufacture.

In addition to the small creameries scattered throughout the **Splendid** district, there is a practically unlimited market with large institutions **Markets** in the city of Edmonton, the commercial metropolis of the district, and this market is available to anyone within a reasonable shipping distance. Inquiry at one of the principal dairies in Edmonton shows that for the year 1910 the average price for butter fat obtained by farmers supplying cream was 27½ cents per lb. For January, 1911, **High Prices** the average was 31 cents and for February 33 cents. These prices were paid for delivery at the dairy, or in cans at any railway station, within shipping distance.

Mr. E. Sevigny, of St. Albert, writes, in reply to an inquiry: "During the year 1910, I delivered 11,515 lbs. of cream for which I received \$970.42. I kept, during the year, an average of 12 cows." This shows an average of \$80.87 for each cow.

Mr. Geo. W. Wilkerson, of Leduc, writes: "I received in 1910 \$2,143.51 for 25,487 lbs. of cream shipped, which was the product of 40 cows." (\$8.41 per 100 lbs.).



Dairy Farm of J. C. Chadwick, near Leduc

Mr. J. A. Davis, of Cherry Hill Farm, Clover Bar, writes: "During the year 1910, I delivered to the Edmonton City Dairy, 150,849 lbs. of