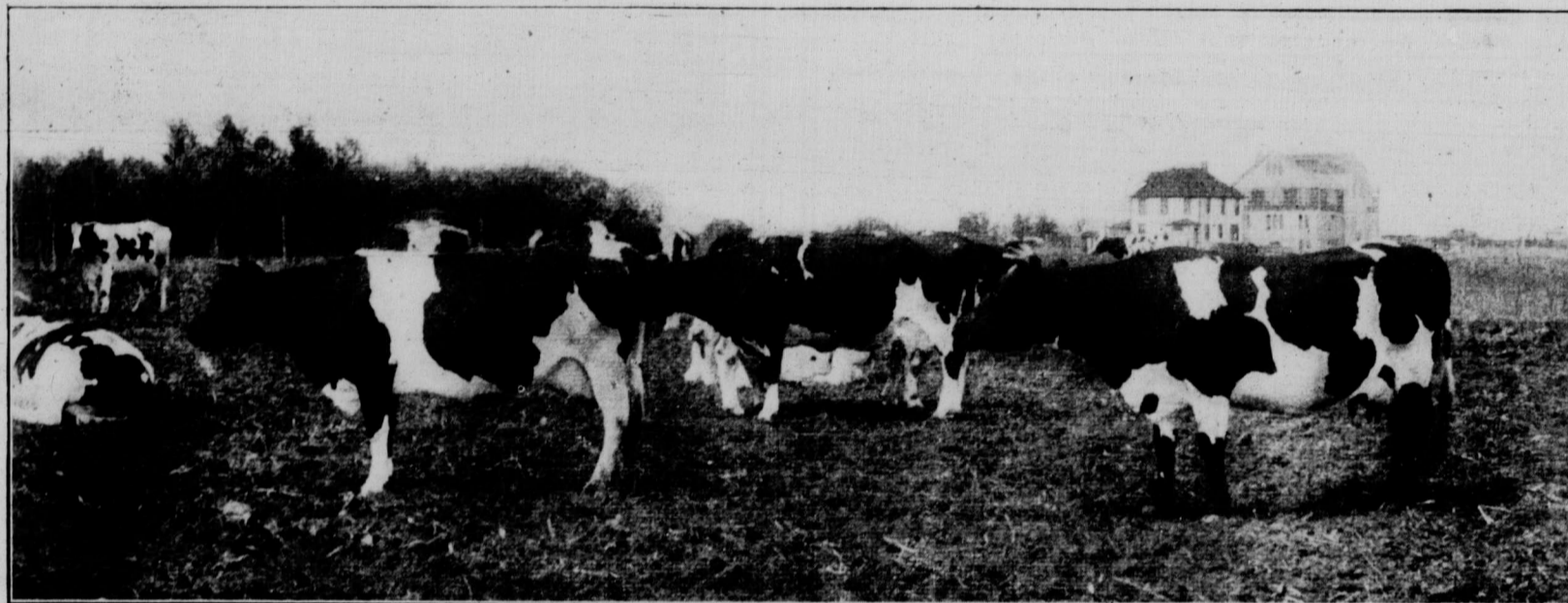




PROVINCE OF ALBERTA



Alberta Government Demonstration Farm, Olds, Alberta

War conditions are sending farmers back to the land. The Province of Alberta provides room for millions. The free homesteads now available in close proximity to railway transportation facilities provide exceptional opportunities and are attracting the best class of settlers from every clime.

Climate

The Climate of Alberta is unsurpassed for agricultural operations. Good as the soil is, it would never have won the supremacy in grain production were it not for the purity of the air, temperature and equilibrium in precipitation. The cool temperature of the summer nights is the cause of the large relative yields and unexpected quality of the grain. The sunlight is peculiarly bright and intense even in the short days of winter, a phenomenon that has justly won the appellation "Sunny Alberta."

Soil

The uniform fertility of the Soil of Alberta cannot be exaggerated. It consists of a marly clay sub-soil, varying from a few feet on the hills and ridges to a great depth on the plains. Overlying this is a thick mantle of black or brown vegetable mould, which Professor Shaw, of the Orange Judd Farmer, says, "is worth more than all the mines in the mountains from Alaska to Mexico, and more than all the forests from the United States to the Arctic Sea, vast as they are."

Live Stock and Mixed Farming

Though Alberta is well adapted for wheat and other grains, stock raising was the first industry of importance in the development of the Province, and still holds the premier place. The most prosperous are those where wheat farming is carried on in connection with the livestock and dairying industries. Many conditions favorable to the livestock industry are peculiar to Alberta.

Native Grasses

The rich variety of grasses, abundant water and shelter, dry winter climate are all conditions that ensure success. The pasturage produces prime beef equal to the best stall-fed article of Ontario or the Old Country, as is proven by the fact that Alberta grass-fed steers command the highest prices in every market. The grasses are highly nutritive and excellent beef producers, while the wild clovers, vetches and peas are unexcelled for the production of milk.

Dairying

Within the last five years the dairying industry has become firmly established throughout the province, and the output of the creameries and home dairies is increasing year by year with leaps and bounds. Natural advantages, technical education along the best scientific lines under government supervision is bound to make Alberta as famous in the production of butter as Denmark and Wisconsin.

Agricultural Schools

Alberta leads in free Agricultural schools and Demonstration Farms based upon a system differing somewhat from that hitherto in vogue in other Canadian Provinces. Schools and farms are being established in different districts, having for their primary object the education of young men and young women who would, after the course, return to the farm. These schools offer a two years' course in Agriculture and Household Science, each term to extend from November to March, five months which constitute the slack period on the farm in the West.

Railways and Telephones

Railroads, telephones and all public conveniences are under Government supervision and at the service of settlers.

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