

SCHOOL OF HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE

This School comes directly under the Faculty of Agriculture and may almost be considered as a part thereof. A substantial part of the instruction is given by members of the Faculty of Agriculture and, as can be seen by reference to Exhibit "C", Salaries and Wages accounted for \$20,095.13 of the total Direct Expenditure of \$22,903.98. Direct Income in 1933-34 amounted to \$13,429.67, so that the Excess of Direct Expenditure for that year was \$9,474.31.

From an examination of the expenses of the School no substantial reduction appears possible. Furthermore, \$4,800.00 of the Salaries and Wages represent the charges made for instruction given by members of the Faculty of Agriculture. Any curtailment of the activities of the School would not relieve the College of any of this \$4,800.00 but would simply increase the costs of the Faculty of Agriculture. Another fact that has a bearing on the situation is that last year the School had a registration of 107 students. These students are of considerable importance to the profitable operation of the dining room and residences.

Taking all these factors into consideration, it appears that the only way in which an improvement can be made would be to increase fees. At the present time students, other than farmers' daughters, pay an annual fee of \$100.00. In this connection, however, the authorities of the School point out that they are operating in competition with the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Ontario, and that at the present time it costs a student more to attend Macdonald College than the Ontario College. They are afraid that any increase in fees might result in students that would ordinarily enter Macdonald College going to the Ontario College. The only recommendation therefore that your Committee can make is that close study be given to the question of the amount of fees charged and that as and when the School has a sufficiently high reputation the fees be raised to a point which will eliminate the deficit.