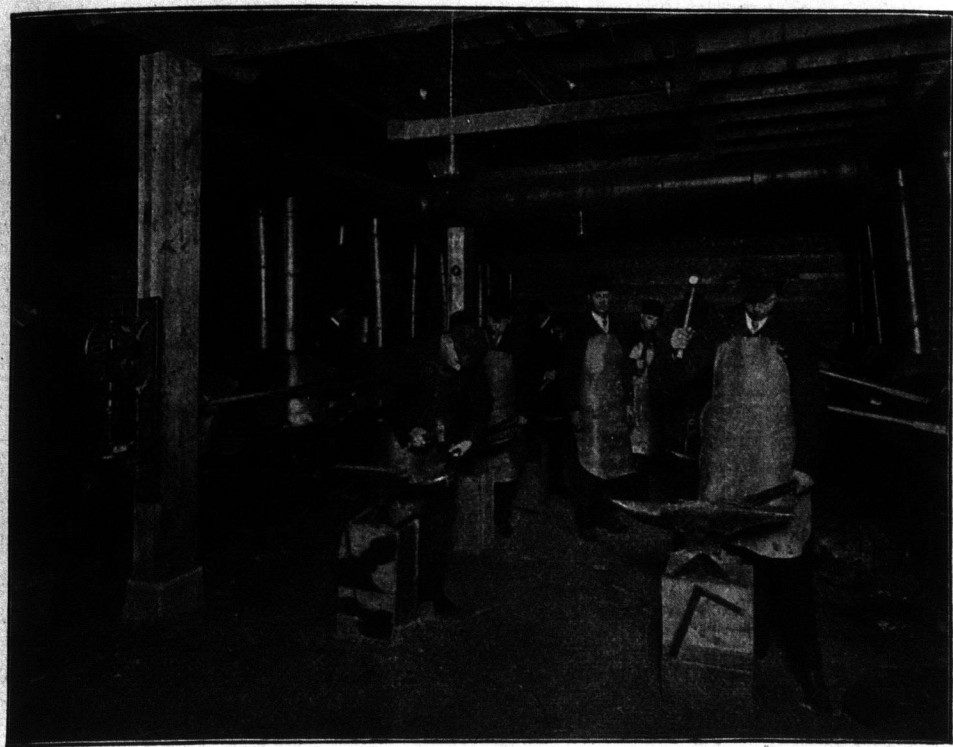


In the three schools, 176 boys were enrolled for agricultural instruction. We doubt if there is a province or state on this continent that can show such a record. One hundred per cent of the boys came directly from the farms. In this way it will be clearly seen that the agricultural schools are not encroaching upon the work of the public schools or collegiate institutes. They have drawn their students from a class of boys who heretofore have received no instruction.

Household Science Branch

In addition to the work that is given for farm boys, a course is offered in household science for the farmers' daughters. The course is not limited to farmers' daughters, because girls from the surrounding towns as well are taking advantage of the same. This branch covers a study of foods, sewing, cooking, laundry work, hygiene, sanitation, home care of the sick, and work in



Blacksmith's Shop, Olds Agricultural School, Alta.

At the Olds school, 37 boys were registered the first day, and inside of two weeks a total of 61 boys was admitted. More seats had to be ordered and more equipment secured. Before Christmas the principals of the schools were advising the farmers not to send any more boys, as the schools had practically all that they could possibly handle.

Present indications would suggest that there will be in the neighborhood of 260 boys at these three schools next winter. The school term only runs for five months in the winter, beginning October 27th and lasting until the end of March. At the present writing, the Olds school alone has received signed up

home gardening, poultry and butter making. Here again the work is made as practical as possible. Somewhat of an idea may be gained of the practical nature of the work when it is said that Mr. Pat Burns, the noted cattleman and packer of Western Canada, after going through the buildings, and seeing the boys and girls at work declared that it was the most practical institution he had ever visited and offered on the spot \$100 scholarships for the best stock judge, for the best grain and weed seed judge, for the best cook and the best lady sewer.

So apparent is the usefulness of the schools that already the Minister of



Girl's Class Room, Olds School, Alta.

applications from 42 boys and 18 girls from last year's class who wish to take a second year; and, in addition, 33 boys and 6 girls have registered for the first year. This makes a total of 99 registered for next year's work at the Olds school alone. Indications are that by the time of the opening day the school will be refusing to register any more students. Indeed, the schools are regarded so highly by the farming communities that the Minister of Agriculture is literally besieged with delegations asking that additional schools be established at other points in the province.

Agriculture is planning large extensions in the way of buildings to accommodate next year's quota of students.

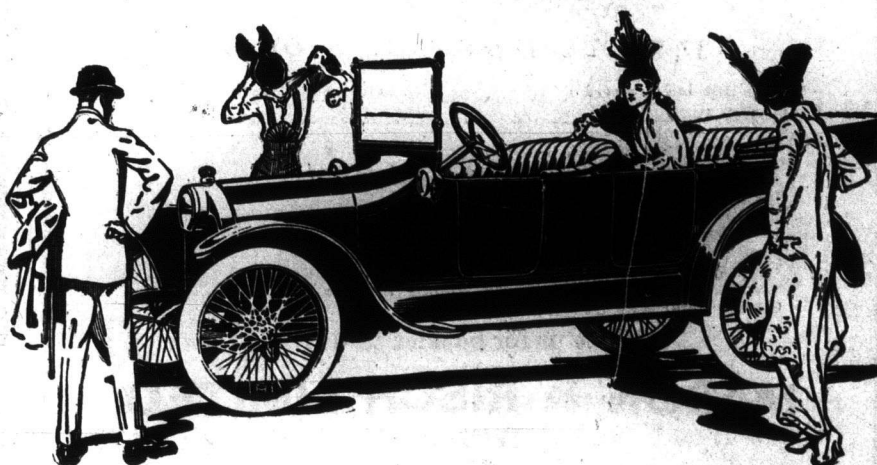
Advanced Agricultural Course

It will be seen by the foregoing that the course as offered by the Alberta Schools of Agriculture is designed particularly for the boy who is going back on to the farm. There, of course, will be a small percentage of students who wish to go on for more advanced work. The Schools of Agriculture, therefore, fit in with a regular continuous system of agricultural education in the Province. The two years as given at the

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