

LOW LARKSPUR

The low larkspurs are represented in Alberta by two species, viz.: *Delphinium bicolor* Nutt. or *Delphinium Menziesii*, D.C., and *Delphinium azureum* Michx.



FIG. 4. Low larkspur (one-third natural size).

Low Larkspur (*Delphinium bicolor* Nutt.).—This low larkspur is a slender, slightly hairy, perennial plant from five to eighteen inches high, with several large dark-purple flowers terminating the stem. (See Fig. 4, page 19). Each flower has a conical spur about three-quarters of an inch long, and slightly curved. The length of the flower is from one to one and a half inches. The two small upper parts of the flower are pale yellow with blue veins. The stems are slender, unbranched, and covered with fine short hairs. The leaves at the base of the plant are few in number, long-stemmed, and very deeply divided into five segments, which are again more or less divided into narrow segments. The leaves higher up on the stem are very few in number, short-stemmed, and are very deeply divided into narrow segments. The roots are tuberous and perennial.