

6. *The Better Business Department*, to improve the business facilities and increase the prosperity of the neighbourhood.

7. *The Church and Religious Education Department*, to promote religious knowledge and co-operation between churches.

1. THE PUBLIC FORUM.

One of the most frequently felt needs of communities is for a common meeting ground for the citizens to discuss public questions. With the rapid development of new relationships between capital and labour, and of new ventures in social legislation, it is especially desirable that means be found for the fullest and frankest open discussion of all problems. A Public Forum offers exceptional opportunities for this service.

The Committee in charge of this department should attend to such matters as the following, always with the understanding that, while contentious public issues may be discussed on their merits, the Community Association will not allow its Forum to be used for the purposes of partizan propaganda:

(a) To promote public discussions or debates on subjects touching the social welfare of the community.

(b) To arrange for an annual address from the men or women who represent the community in the Provincial Legislature and the Dominion House of Commons and Senate.

(c) To arrange for other speakers to address the Community Association on provincial or national issues.

(d) To co-operate with the University, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Education in arranging for addresses by speakers from their Extension Departments.

Instead of calling it a Public Forum, this Department might carry on its work as the Literary or Debating Society of the community, devoting some of its meetings to the study of scientific, economic or literary subjects and occasionally holding mock trials or mock parliaments. It might also take up a profitable line of work similar to that carried on in Great Britain for several years past (and recently organized in Toronto), by the Workers' Educational Association. In this scheme, teachers from the Universities or local alumni conduct classes during the Fall and Winter months on topics agreed upon. Usually a standard text is followed by the group as a guide, but frank discussion is encouraged.