

INTRODUCTION

As one means of keeping pace with the forward march of Agricultural Education, the Department of Agriculture of this Province has authorized the Extension Section of the Agricultural College to organize, this year, as a beginning, eight "Manitoba Boys and Girls Clubs."

There are many reasons why this work should be undertaken at this time and these clubs formed. Perhaps paramount among these reasons is the fact that, those entrusted with the directing of agricultural education are—and rightly so—in honor and duty bound to disseminate wherever possible such obtainable information as will, not only in the end tend to raise the status of farming, but increase—both in town and rural districts—the permanency of Manitoba's homes. The boys and girls of to-day will be the men and women of to-morrow.

It is a difficult task to formulate Extension work in such a manner that its effect will be most acceptable and at the same time far reaching. It is one thing to tell a person how to do a thing, and an entirely different matter to get that person to do it, and to do it well. Printed matter and lectures alone do not always produce the best results.

The most successful plan yet devised is to provide some form of practical demonstration, which will involve the principles advocated in agricultural teaching. It is not the intention of those in charge of the Boys and Girls Club to do experimental work, but rather to help in fostering and demonstrating good work, the results of which have already been established.

It is hoped that "Manitoba Boys and Girls Club" will grow in membership from year to year, ultimately reaching every boy and girl in the Province who desires to know more, either about scientific agriculture or home-making. These clubs are not intended to interfere in any way with, or to supplement in the least, the regular school work.

The formation of a club for the boys and girls is a great work, and it is trusted this movement will receive the co-operation and support which it deserves.

WHO MAY ENTER

Provided twenty in the district join, any Manitoba boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 16, inclusive, may become a member. It is not necessary that members be in attendance at school. Only one member of each family may enter Course One, but all members may enter either Courses Two or Three or both. Those desiring to become members for 1913 will not be enrolled unless this blank is properly filled out and returned to the Director of Boys and Girls Clubs, Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, Man.

Only those meaning business are requested to join this club. The enrollment number of each member will be filled in at this office and a club button forwarded free of charge.