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supplied by the Central Office, the boundaries of the existing local associations fixed, and the unorganized territory portioned out for propaganda and organization work among the locals, and where necessary a County Committee or an outside organizer would be given territory not practicable to be covered by the work of local associations.

Co-incident, or immediately following the work of organization, should be undertaken the work of flooding the local political associations with farmer members, who are also members of the Grain Growers' association. Wherever there is a Grain Growers' association and no local rural political associations, these should be immediately formed and officered by farmers, each farmer connecting himself with the party organization for which he feels a preference, or where no preference exists with one suggested by convenience.

It is expected that the farmers will take their views, unified by discussion in their non-partisan association meetings, into both political camps at the same time, and by sheer force of numbers, due to concerted entry into membership in the party organizations will make these views to be accepted as the views of both parties. A party, as a party, will always adopt the platform dictated by the best organized and most numerous class that takes active part in the work of its local association, particularly the work of selecting delegates to attend the party conventions, and nominate the party candidates. At present this class is a coalition of petty office seekers, middlemen and hirelings of Big Business.

The farmers in the past have failed to secure adequate representation in the legislature because they were neither well organized as a class, nor took any conspicuous part as a class in the work of the local party associations. Few of them were members of the local party associations and consequently few took any part in the framing of a policy or the selecting of a candidate.

Choosing between two candidates, neither of whom we have helped to select, is not exercising the franchise. The exercise of the franchise begins with selecting and instructing delegates to inaugurate a policy or choose a candidate, or better still, so far as selecting a candidate is concerned it might begin with taking part in a direct primary.

A political party is just what the dominant class influences at work in the local organizations, make of it. With enough intelligent class conscious farmers, actively participating in the work of the locals, both parties in Saskatchewan might easily take on all the characteristics of a Farmer's Party.

It is proposed instead of taking many questions of policy into the party conventions, our members, not sure of any unanimity of opinion on even the least debatable of them as yet, should content themselves in their first trial of strength, with making sure that a majority of candidates for the local legislature on both sides of politics, shall be believers in, and pledged supporters of a Direct Legislation measure prepared under the auspices of the Central Grain Growers' Executive.

And this one measure if secured, puts a power into the hands of the organized

farmers that justifies a concentrated effort upon it to the extent of ignoring all other questions for the time being.

So soon as organized the rural local party associations, officered for the more part by progressive farmers, in all distinctively rural constituencies at least.

4.—THE SYSTEMATIC PUSHING OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEATURE TO INSURE PERMANENCE AND EFFICIENCY.

It is time that the Life Membership Fund feature of our Association was given the attention it deserves. It is also time that the Central Office had such a permanent source of income as would maintain it in efficiency without having to depend upon a fortuitous revenue derived from annual dues grudgingly remitted, grants obtained by humiliating solicitations and the chance givings of money and service by the philanthropically inclined.

So far, the success of the movement to establish a satisfactory fund has been interfered with to some extent by the many other appeals for money made at our meetings, both large and small. It appears desirable that at our annual conventions, provision should be made for systematically soliciting those present to become life members. In every sub-association also, where there are life members, these could be formed into a committee to secure additional members. We should make it our aim this coming year to secure at least an average of ten life members from each subordinate association district. This would furnish a revenue sufficient to enable the Association to maintain a staff of employees under the supervision of a well paid Managing Director, competent to supply the information necessary to make the locals attractive centres for the improvement of social relations and education in civics, economics and the principles and practice of voluntary co-operation.

5.—THE SECURING OF ORGANIZATION WORKERS.

As has been already pointed out it is proposed that the planning shall be done by the Directorate and the work by the members of the subordinate associations. An appeal must therefore be made to our members directly and through the local officers. We must try and give the campaign the spirit and swing of a religious revival. Our



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6.—FINANCING THE WORK.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. A. PARTRIDGE.

Members of Committee.

Explanatory Note.—The foregoing

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article was prepared by Mr. Partridge as one member of the committee of the board of directors of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' association. It was to have been submitted to the other members of the committee, in the hope that it might be made the basis of their report, but it was found impossible to have the committee deal with it on account of the shortness of the time between its completion and the date of the directors' meeting. For this reason, though it appears as the report of this committee, it is really Mr. Partridge's own personal suggestion. As such, it will be dealt with by the board of directors at Moose Jaw on November 1.

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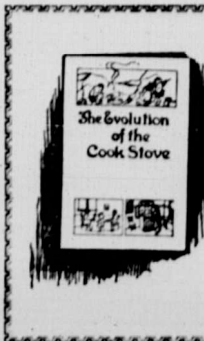
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