

self and to get fully into line with the progressive movements of the time. A winter program of local sports is also under consideration, and we expect the winter of 1918-19 to be the best we have ever had. We are convinced that we have now got at least some degrees more perfectly than before the true Grain Growers' perspective and are delighted to find our official board taking up its work as the "public welfare committee of the neighborhood."

N.B. The above narrative is frankly ideal. Geographically, the association would be very difficult to locate. But there is no reason why your local should not realize it by taking action promptly, especially if you have a board that is genuinely desirous of operating as the "public welfare committee of the neighborhood."

District Conventions

The officers of at least three districts got together last week and arranged complete and inspiring programs for their fall conventions. A prominent feature in these programs is the active part taken by local workers. The district director will report for the progress of the work provincially, the director of the Women's Section will present a statement of the advance of their organization and the district secretary will present his official report. In each district there will be practical discussion of local organization. A very definite effort is being made to secure active participation of the younger men of the locals and these three districts promise specially good fare for those who attend.

What is your district doing? Are the various items of a full program being provided for? The provincial association has suggested dates and volunteered one speaker for each. But the success of the convention depends upon the district workers getting together and securing the speakers and making all arrangements. District directors, presidents and secretaries—it's up to you.

Meeting of Directors

At the executive meeting held last week it was decided to call a meeting of the directors, both of the Women's Section and of the General Association to be held in the Central office, 306 Bank of Hamilton Building, Winnipeg, on Friday, November 1, at 9 a.m.

This will be the only meeting of the boards till the close of the year and will concern itself with preparation for the annual convention and for discussing matters of vital importance regarding the future policy and administration of the movement. Every director should plan to come to Winnipeg prepared to give a full day to the earnest investigation of what the association may best do in coming months to realize its ideals and to extend its influence. Every worker in every district, in every branch, who has any suggestion, proposal or contribution of any kind which may assist that meeting in achieving all that is possible should get such into the hands of the secretary or of some one of the directors, so that it may be taken up. If the association is neglecting some phase of its work, drop a line calling attention to it. If there is some new avenue or method waiting to be utilized, bring it before the meeting. Let the directorate face the facts and then there will be reason to hope for satisfaction and for progress. Help to make the directors' meeting the most fruitful that ever was held, a meeting that will do something and get somewhere and manifest to the province "what we've got."

Loyal Grain Growers will bear in mind as they begin the financing of 1919 that the minimum membership fee for the coming year is \$2.00. The change had been in contemplation for years. It was made with a large measure of unanimity. Every one who looks at the field and at the necessities of extended operation will recognize that the work demanded the increased fee. Nobody makes a haul out of it. It is the association's exchequer and is used as economically as possible for the propagating of the cause. Definite increase of efficiency is being earnestly sought and with the new minimum it is confidently hoped that in 1919 better service than ever will be rendered to the association and to the province. The new minimum comes into operation with the opening of the new local year, December 1, 1918.



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