

FARMERS' CLUBS

FOR

SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS

There is needed today in Saskatchewan a farmers' organisation formed for the purpose of promoting alike the material, moral, intellectual and social welfare of its members. The need for one broad, strong provincial association having this aim will hardly be questioned. The improvement of their material welfare was the object which many of the people of Saskatchewan had in view in coming here, and to this end our organisation should first devote its attention. The need for inculcating principles of morality still exists. At no other period was there so great a premium placed upon intellectual development as there is now; the ignorant and unlettered are handicapped at every period of their existence. Nor may social interests be overlooked. The farmer no less than any other member of society should possess a clear knowledge of social and economic conditions, and the commingling of farmers in an organisation in which people of all nationalities, all sects and all ages may unite cannot fail to advance their material, moral, intellectual and social welfare.

Such an organisation has not yet been formed. There are, however, Horse Breeder's, Cattle Breeders', Sheep Breeders', Swine Breeders', Grain Growers', Poultry and Horticultural Associations, although of these only the grain growers have local branches of their association throughout the country. The other associations are provincial in name, but while they have members scattered throughout the province, they have no localised branches where the members meet in groups to discuss the work of the association in their district and hence lose much in usefulness to the people whom they aim to assist.

One Organisation or Several?

Local organisations are needed in every farming community, but it would obviously be unnecessary to have branches of all of these