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## GET TO WINNIPEG.

### Toronto to the Fore.

At the present time our live branches are concerned with the election of delegates to the convention to be held in Winnipeg in the course of a few months.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that we learn that Toronto, one of our newest but, in the natural order of things, destined to become one of our premier branches, has already appointed two representatives to attend the conference. The omen is decidedly encouraging and bodes well for the success of our 1917 convention.

Toronto has taken its right place, come to the fore and given our Ontario and Eastern branches an example which they will do well to imitate without any undue delay. Last year one Ontario delegate was enabled to get to Regina by means of the co-operation of the two branches at Port Arthur and Fort William, the two clubbing together in order to send a delegate to represent them jointly. For semi-staff offices within reasonable distance of one another, this is a sound business arrangement and one which we commend to our smaller branches, situated at a distance from Winnipeg and within easy access of one another. There should be no necessity for city offices to resort to this expediency and we hope and expect to see every city branch personally represented. However, in cases where our smaller branches may find it a tax to be individually represented some of them, for example Niagara Falls and Brantford, Sarnia and St. Thomas, may find it possible to send a joint delegate to represent them both and to look after their interests.

Now is the time to act. Don't waste time looking backward; look forward, look toward Winnipeg and what may be accomplished there if a thoroughly representative conference gets together and talks things over in a sane but determined manner. See to it, therefore, that your branch does its just share toward making the coming convention truly representative. Appoint your delegates now and notify

the officials that you have done so as soon as possible.

Toronto, Regina, Calgary and several smaller branches have already appointed their delegates. What is your branch doing in this matter?

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

We read with the deepest interest the suggestion from one of the country's most prominent men that soldiers' pensions should fluctuate with the cost of living. Which is a good idea, but surely should not be confined to the one thing. It is now high time that Government salaries showed some ratio to the cost of living other than that which they do.

It has been found necessary to introduce ladies into some of the Western post offices lately. We have nothing at all against the ladies, but we are not at present prepared to credit the fact that this move is entirely due to the fact that male help cannot be obtained. There are a large number of veterans back from the war who should have these positions, but they can hardly be expected to rush at them while the present rate of pay exists. As a consequence, ladies must be brought in. Is it feasible to expect a man who, with his wife and family, has been drawing around \$72.00 per month while in the army, to come back to civilian life for the salary of \$65.00 a month and find his own clothing at that?

We note with considerable satisfaction that Toronto has a live branch of this association going in full swing and that they have two delegates to the coming convention already elected. Other Eastern offices, please copy.

We are glad to learn that the Hon. A. E. Kemp, Minister of Militia, is of the opinion that members of the Civil Service should have their statutory increases while on active service, and that the matter is now being considered by the authorities. This is a question which this association is much interested in and which has engaged our attention for some time past,