

Extract from letter dated Sept. 29th.

"After dinner, an interesting discussion took place on the future of the Winnipeg branch. It has a membership of forty which could easily be increased to a hundred or more, but they are doubtful about doing so on the ground that their meetings would become unduly large. We explained to them the steps we had taken in London to divide meetings into general meetings, sectional meetings, and group meetings, and suggested that a larger membership, especially of young men and women, might facilitate their adopting the same plan. As a beginning, we suggested:-

1. That the three members of the Winnipeg branch who are going to Kyoto, should, on return, form the nucleus of an I.P.R. group in Winnipeg which would make a specialty of the study of Pacific problems.
2. That some of their members might cooperate with King Hall's enquiry into the influence of Economics on foreign affairs by studying the subject from the Canadian point of view.
3. That they would also assist us in our studies of colonial systems by contributing information on Canadian experiences with the Red Indians.
4. That they might adopt the same system as we followed in the case of the paper on the importation of spirituous liquors into Africa and take some subject for the co-operative preparation of a monograph.

Extract from letter dated November 9th.

"I dined last night with E.J. Tarr, who was appointed by the Winnipeg branch to continue with us the discussion on its future.

The conclusions we came to were:

1. The Winnipeg branch will be able to co-operate with us in a study of the influence of Economics on foreign affairs, from the points of view of Canada's relations with the U.S.A. and her growing interest in the Far East. We should, therefore, send the branch any syllabus we may have prepared, covering the subject, a bibliography and any other information that may be of use to them.
2. They will welcome continuous information from us on our activities and will be glad to co-operate whenever possible.
3. They will consider starting group meetings in private houses, which will not be confined to members of the Institute, but will be open to those men and women, particularly the young, who are interested enough in foreign affairs to attend them regularly. It is hoped that in the end they will all become members of the Institute. By this means, it is hoped that the Winnipeg Institute will be able to get out of the fixed habit of only having dinner meetings, confined to men, to hear a particular speaker.