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1. This Society adopts as the fundamental principle of its Constitution the establishment of the Political, Social and Industrial Rights of Women and Men.

It recognizes as indispensable the possession by Women of the Parliamentary Vote on the same terms as it is or as it may be granted to men.

It demands from the Government immediate legislation to secure this.

The further aim of the Society is to take active means to remedy existing evils and to bring to the knowledge of the public the inefficiency of some of the laws of British Columbia especially as they affect women and children.

2. The objects and aims of the Society as set forward above, need very little explanation. We intend to expose in every way possible to us, the dual standard existing for men and women, to demonstrate the evil resulting therefrom, and to force public recognition to the direct connection

between this dual standard and the political disability of women.

We stand to emphasize the fact that **causes** of individual cases of injustice can only be satisfactorily and finally dealt with by legislation in which women have a direct share.

3. Regarding the enfranchisement of women as essential to the attainment of equality between the sexes, we are necessarily working primarily for Woman Suffrage, and the principal item on our programme is therefore the demand for a Government Measure giving the Parliamentary Vote to Women on the same terms as it is or may be given to men.

EDITOR'S NOTES

We published an interesting letter in our January issue from "A Wife" who was evidently one of the very numerous women who suffer from the injustice of the laws in this country. She certainly has the sympathy of every other woman, and we are only sorry we can do nothing to help her. It would not be in keeping with our policy to do as she suggests and appeal to the Legislature for the alteration of the law under which she has suffered. For representatives of suffrage leagues to ask for a mere instalment of justice would be a political error. We are pledged to demand **the Vote**, the key to all legislative reform, and we have no right to go back on our political creed