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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 be-

tween 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.

FOREWORD.

In sending out into the world a new monthly paper, the mouthpiece of the Political Equality League, we, the Editorial Staff, are deeply conscious of its inadequacy to do justice to the great cause which it is to represent.

This League stands for no one religious Creed, no one Political Party, no one Social Class; all shades of opinion unite in its membership, on the elemental basis of justice, honour and chivalry, under the banner of Woman Suffrage.

Believing, as we do, that every human being is sent into the world for the service of humanity, we regard the vote as the symbol in political life of individual expression, as the key in