

## POLITICAL EQUALITY LEAGUE

### Victoria Branch.

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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.

## VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Since our last issue the splendid news has been received that four more states, Oregon, Kansas, Michigan and Arizona, have granted political freedom to their women by giving them the vote. During the past two years all the Pacific Coast states have placed the women on the same political equality with men except British Columbia. Tradition has taught us that wisdom comes from the East but practical experience proves that the West can lead in broadness of vision and in decisions of justice.

We believe it will be the same in Canada and that Sir Richard McBride and his government will prove their appreciation of the fact at the next session of the Legislature when the women, by their petition, ask for the vote. We anticipate that the lawmakers of this Province will show their confidence in the intelligence, ability and loyalty of the women of British Columbia by deciding that they shall no longer be permitted to be classified with a constituency of criminals and lunatics.

## HALF MILLION CHEER PARADE.

Huge Torchlight Procession in New York Saturday Night in Honor of Suffrage Victory.

Twenty thousand women and men in sympathy with them marched in the great torchlight procession held in New York Saturday evening, November 9th, to celebrate the winning of