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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

The Outlook

Within four months the work of the next session of Parliament will be over and there will only remain one more session before the General Election. This means that a special opportunity lies before every suffragist and also before the Government with regard to Woman Suffrage. If the Government chooses to introduce and pass during the coming session a Bill giving the Vote to Women, it will have that vote to reckon with, or to reckon on, in the Election. We all know that a step of this sort on the part of any Government is almost wholly a matter of party policy. In other words, if they think it is likely to pay, they will make the plunge, but if they are afraid that the Women's Vote will preponderate against them, then no other considera-