

TO MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF B. C.

The convention of the Socialist organization of B. C., which recently met in Vancouver, adopted a platform similar to that of the U. S. Socialist Party as a provisional statement of principles, and authorized the executive of the B. C. Socialist Party to draft a platform for this province and submit the same to a referendum vote of all the Locals in B. C.

In submitting the result of their labors the executive wishes to point out that many of the vital demands of Socialists were omitted from this platform because they belong to the sphere of Dominion legislation.

All local branches of this organization in B. C. will be asked to vote by membership, separately, on each demand of the platform and section of constitution, and forward same to the provincial secretary,

ERNEST BURNS,
Vancouver, B. C.,

on or before January 15th, 1902.

Provincial Platform of the Socialist Party of B. C.

Submitted to Locals by the Executive.

1. Direct legislation.
2. Proportional representation.
3. Abolition of property qualification for voters and candidates in municipal elections.
4. Abolition of system of cash deposits for candidates at provincial elections.
5. Adult suffrage.
6. A minimum wage law, fixing wages at not less than \$2 per day for

adults.

7. Reduction of hours of labor in all trades to forty-four per week.

8. All coal mines to be owned and operated by the province, in the interests of the people.

9. Graduated land tax, similar to New Zealand law.

10. Free medical attendance to all needing such.

11. Scientific and practical management of fisheries, forests and waterways in the interests of the producer.

12. Employment of unemployed labor on useful productive work.

13. Extension of powers of municipalities.

14. The education of children under 14 years of age to be free, secular and compulsory. Text books, meals and clothing to be supplied to children out of public funds when necessary.

15. Municipalization and public control of the liquor traffic.

16. Abolition of poll and personal property tax.

17. No more bonusing private individuals or corporations, with land grants or cash subsidies.

NATIONAL PLATFORM OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

Adopted at Indianapolis, July 31, 1901.

The Socialist party, in National convention assembled, reaffirms its adherence to the principles of International Socialism, and declares its aim to be the organization of the working class, and those in sympathy with it, into a political party, with the object of con-