

# The Welsh National Party.

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## AIMS.

1. To obtain for Wales the same constitutional status in the group of nations forming the British Commonwealth of Nations as the Dominion of Canada, the Irish Free State, etc.
2. To establish a Welsh Parliament with full powers to make laws for the better government of Wales together with a ministry responsible to that parliament.
3. To ensure the perpetuation of Welsh culture, language and traditions.
4. To obtain for Wales right of admission to the League of Nations.

## WHAT ENGLISH GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN TO WALES.

**1. A dying countryside.**

(During the fifty years from 1871 to 1921 no less than 5 of the thirteen Welsh counties showed absolute decrease of population, some near 30%).

**2. Decayed rural industries.**

(Instead of a countryside full of artisans and craftsmen, agricultural Wales is today a mere dumping market for England).

**3. The worst slums in Britain.**

(This has recently been asserted by an English authority during an inspection of parts of South Wales. Welsh housing in town and rural areas is a blot on our civilisation).

**4. The highest tuberculosis death-rates in Britain.**

(In 1928 out of the 9 counties with highest tuberculosis death-rates, 6 were in Wales).

**5. The highest infant death-rates in Britain.**

(In 1928 death-rate of infants under one year in England was 56.5 per thousand ; in Wales 72.4).

**6. The highest maternal death-rate.**

(The maternal death-rate in Wales was higher in 1928 than it was in 1870).

**7. The highest smallpox rates.**

(Three times as high as the English rate in 1928).

**8. The highest mental deficiency rates.**

(An average of over 10 per 1000 of the total Welsh population in 1925—1927).

9. **The lowest standard of living in Britain.**
10. **The highest unemployment rates in Britain.**  
(There are 50% more unemployed in Wales than in England, and that on a decreasing population. The quarrymen of North Wales are as desperately hit as the miners of the South. The agricultural counties are as cruelly struck as the industrial).
11. **Bankrupt boroughs.**
12. **A decaying culture.**  
(Wales will shortly be the only nation in Europe without a wireless station on its own soil serving its own national culture and needs).

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## **WALES MUST HAVE SELF- GOVERNMENT.**

English government has meant the exploitation of Wales.

English government has meant the oppression of the Welsh working man.

English government has meant the unscrupulous freedom of the strong to grind down the weak.

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Welsh Self-government means Welsh self-respect.

Self-government means the economic emancipation of the workers of Wales.

Welsh Self-government means the practical application of Welsh ideals to Welsh life.

## METHODS.

1. The Welsh National Party will fight Parliamentary elections with a view to sending its elected representatives to the Westminster Parliament as a separate Welsh party responsible to the electors of Wales, pledged to accept no office or honours, but to maintain in full the aims set forth above, to protect Welsh interests and to present Welsh views in imperial and foreign affairs, as long as Welsh representation in the English parliament may be necessary.
2. We shall also endeavour to gain control of Welsh local authorities of all kinds, believing that through the local authorities very much may be accomplished for the betterment of Wales and for the protection of Welsh institutions and culture.

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