

# PETITION.

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*To the Hon. the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, now in Parliament assembled:*

The humble petition of Thomas Hardy, of the City of Nanaimo, in the Province of British Columbia, botanical druggist, humbly sheweth:—

1. That for some years previous to the passing of the "Pharmacy Act, 1891," your petitioner carried on business at Nanaimo as a botanical druggist and compounder of drugs and medical remedies.

2. That in June, 1891, your petitioner appeared before J. P. Planta, Police Magistrate for the said City of Nanaimo, and made affidavit as to his having carried on business as aforesaid, for the purpose of being registered as a Licentiate of Pharmacy, under section 12 of the said Act.

3. On or about 30th June, 1891, your petitioner made application to the Pharmaceutical Association to be registered as a Licentiate of Pharmacy under the said Act, and he also forwarded with his said application a certificate signed by J. P. Planta, Police Magistrate, and some (25) twenty-five of the merchants of Nanaimo, verifying the same. Your petitioner also paid the fee of \$10, required by the by-laws of the said Association.

4. On or about the 23rd July, 1891, your petitioner received from the said Association the following letter:—

"VICTORIA, B. C., July 22nd, 1891.

"*Thos. Hardy, Esq., Nanaimo, B. C.:*

"DEAR SIR,—I am instructed by the Council of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association to inform you that your application for registration as a Licentiate of Pharmacy has been refused, but also to inform you that so long as you confine yourself to the line of business at present followed by you that the Act does not apply to you. Enclosed please find \$10, the amount of registration fee sent me.

"I remain, yours truly,

"M. G. BLANCHARD,

"*Sec.*"

5. After the receipt of the above-mentioned letter, your petitioner, relying upon the statements made therein, took no further steps to obtain registration under the said Act, but continued to conduct his said business on the same lines as formerly, without any interference from or on the part of the said Association until about 14th March, 1893, when your petitioner received the following letter from the said Association:—

"VICTORIA, B. C., March 13th, 1893.

"*Thomas Hardy, Esq., Nanaimo, B. C.:*

"SIR,—I am instructed by the Council of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association to inform you that at the last regular meeting the following resolution was carried: 'That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Thos. Hardy, of Nanaimo, ordering him to forthwith remove the word *Druggist* from his sign and desist from advertising himself as a druggist, and also that if he sells poisonous herbs he is liable to prosecution' In accordance with the above resolution I now order you to attend to it on pain of prosecution under the B. C. Pharmacy Law, 1891.

"I remain, yours truly,

"M. G. BLANCHARD, *Sec.*"

6. In consequence of the letter last mentioned your petitioner in the month of March, 1893, renewed his application to the Association for registration under the said Act, but your petitioner's application was again refused.

7. In the month of November, 1893, the said Association caused an information to be laid against your petitioner before a Police Magistrate, at Nanaimo, for practising as a druggist without being registered as such under the said Act. The said information was dismissed, but your petitioner fears further molestation and annoyance at the hands of the said Association.

8. Your petitioner is wholly dependent upon his said business for the means of making a livelihood.

9. Your petitioner submits that if the said Act applied to him in 1893, it also applied to him in 1891, when the said Association wrote him that "it did not."

Your petitioner prays:—

1. That the said "Pharmacy Act, 1891," may be repealed.

2. Or that the said Act may be amended so as to entitle your petitioner to be registered as a Licentiate of Pharmacy.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioner will ever pray.

THOMAS HARDY.

We, the undersigned residents of the City of Nanaimo, hereby verify the statement contained in the within petition, viz.: "That the petitioner, Thomas Hardy, carried on business at Nanaimo as a botanical druggist and compounder of drugs and medical remedies, for a long time previous to the coming into force of the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891.'"

J. P. PLANTA,  
W. B. DENNISON,  
WM. H. MORTON,  
GEO. TAYLOR,  
and 99 others.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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