

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia :

The humble petition of the undersigned voters of the Victoria City Electoral District and of the Electoral District of Esquimalt, respectfully sheweth :—

1. That resolutions have at various times been passed by your Honourable Body relative to the removal of the Indians from the Songhees Reserve to some more suitable locality.

2. That it is generally admitted such removal is not only desirable, but would also be attended with great advantage and benefit to the Indians occupying said Reserve, and besides, it would tend greatly to increase the material welfare and prosperity of the City of Victoria, and of your petitioners.

3. That it is confidently expected during the present year there will be renewed activity in the opening up of much of the undeveloped portions of this Province, especially in Vancouver Island.

4. That your petitioners venture to express the hope that the present year will witness the settlement of the Songhees Indian Reserve question, which would be a source of intense satisfaction to the inhabitants of the City of Victoria, and especially to your petitioners.

5. Your petitioners respectfully beg to point out that there is no public park or recreation ground in the northern and western parts of the City of Victoria—a necessity for the health and benefit of your petitioners—and that a portion of the said Reserve is eminently adapted for such purpose—the accompanying plan will show the portion referred to.

6. That in the event of the Province of British Columbia obtaining the fee of the lands comprising the said Reserve (which your petitioners humbly trust will prove to be the case), your petitioners are desirous that in the treatment of the disposition of the said lands the views of your petitioners, as herein set forth, should be so considered by your Honourable Body as to result in their being favourably regarded.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that the matters herein mentioned may receive careful consideration.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc., etc., etc.

Dated the 5th day of March, A. D. 1901.

S. McC. SMITH,
THOMAS REDDING,
S. M. OKELL,
WM. MURTY,
and 83 others.

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