

# PETITION.

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

The humble petition of the Corporation of the City of Victoria, humbly sheweth:—

That under the "Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873," your petitioners were entitled to enter into and upon the land of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, in the City of Victoria, or within twenty miles of the said City, and to survey, set out and ascertain such parts thereof as they may require for the purposes of the said water works, and also to divert and appropriate any springs, streams, lakes or bodies of water as they shall judge suitable and proper.

That under the Act the Corporation have exercised certain of the powers conferred on them, and have had surveys made with the object of diverting water from Goldstream for the purposes of the inhabitants of the City of Victoria.

That Goldstream is within twenty miles of the said City of Victoria.

That we observe that a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885,'" has been brought before your honourable body.

That this Bill purports to authorize the Esquimalt Water Works Company to divert and appropriate so much of the waters of the Goldstream River as they shall deem suitable and proper, and to extend the rights, powers and privileges conferred on the said company by the "Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885," so as to apply to the appropriation and diversion of the waters of the Goldstream River and its tributaries, and also to authorize the company to convey such water from place to place, and from the place of diversion to the town of Esquimalt and the peninsula adjoining thereto.

That if these powers are granted to the Esquimalt Water Works Company, it will very materially interfere with rights already conferred upon the City of Victoria to divert water from Goldstream River for the purposes of the inhabitants of the City.

That your petitioners deem it unnecessary to confer this power on the Esquimalt Water Works Company, and have reason to believe the application of that company, in this respect, is purely speculative.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honourable body will be pleased not to pass the Bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885.'"

And your petitioners will ever pray.

[L.S.]

ROBERT BEAVEN,

*Mayor of the City of Victoria.*