PETITION.

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

GENTLEMEN,—We, the officers and members of Dominion Lodge No. 4, of the Independent Order of Good Templars, in lodge assembled, and representing seventy-five (75) voters, ratepayers, and residents of the City of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia, most respectfully represent to your Honourable House the following :—

Your petitioners believe that it would not be in the interest of the inhabitants of the city and district municipalities for sections three and eight of Bill No. 71, and known as the "License Act, 1895," to become law unless and until provisions are made providing that such sections shall only apply to such municipalities as by by-law adopt the same.

Your petitioners also believe that it would be in the interest of the general public if all applications for license, whether for renewal or otherwise, should be deemed to be an application for a new license within the meaning of sections 225 to 238, inclusive, of the "Municipal Act, 1892," and within the meaning of the "License Act."

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to embody the foregoing in the provisions of the said Bill No. 71, or in such other manner as your Honourable House in its wisdom may deem proper.

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

DOMINION LODGE NO. 4, INDEPENDENT ORDER OF GOOD TEMPLARS.

W. E. EMERSON, Chief Templar.E. B. NOBLES, Secretary.

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