
PETITION.

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

The petition of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of British Columbia, the Victoria Local Council of Women, and the Vancouver Local Council of Woman, humbly sheweth :—

That your petitioners have learned that in this Province there has been no police matron appointed, as in the other Provinces of the Dominion.

That your petitioners have learned that women and girls who have been incarcerated in the Provincial jails for offences or safe-keeping have been cared for in some instances partially and in other instances wholly by male officers.

That your petitioners believe that this is calculated to destroy any successful effort which might otherwise be made towards benefitting these offenders and inspiring within them a desire to benefit their character.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable Body will pass an Act providing for the appointment of police matrons whenever and wherever women or girls are incarcerated in our Provincial jails.

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

LOUISE BAKER,
President of Victoria and Vancouver Island Council of Women,

CECELIA SPOFFORD,
President of the Provincial W. C. T. U.,

GEORGINA REID,
President Local Council Women, Vancouver,

and 48 others.

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