

PETITION.

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To the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia :

This the petition of the undersigned special ratepayers, under by-law number 18, of the Municipality of Chilliwack, otherwise known as the Big Prairie Drainage Scheme, humbly sheweth as follows :—

That the said by-law No. 18, has, by the decision of His Honour Judge Bole, dated the 29th day of December, 1893, been declared invalid ;

And whereas by an advertisement inserted in the British Columbia Gazette and the Chilliwack Progress, Mr. E. A. Jenns, barrister-at-law, of New Westminster, has declared his intention of applying to your Honourable Body for legislation on the said by-law ;

And whereas at the trial of the case of Chilliwack *versus* Bellrose, held at New Westminster on December the 19th, 1893, several discrepancies were shown in the working of the said by-law ;

And whereas some of the discrepancies so shewn, consist of the non-assessment of roads situate within the area of the said scheme, and being benefited thereby to a considerable amount ;

And also the non-fulfilment of certain promises made at the sitting of the Court of Revision, whereby certain of the undersigned were promised certain ditches and extensions to ditches, which would have provided a better scheme of drainage than at present exists ;

And whereas certain of the undersigned claim that under the present scheme they are receiving no benefit, but are assessed ;

And whereas certain others of the undersigned claim that they are unequally assessed ;

Therefore these, the undersigned, humbly petition your Honourable Body, that prior to legislation being granted on the said by-law, that—

An engineer be appointed to make a re-inspection of the premises supposed to be benefited under the by-law, and to report on any necessary works for the completion of the scheme ;

And to make a re-assessment of all properties now included in the scheme ;

And to exclude those who, in his opinion, are not receiving any benefit ;

And to include those who, in his opinion, are receiving a benefit, but who are at present not assessed.

And your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

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