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

The petition on behalf of the Women of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:

That whereas, of the inhabitants of the Province of British Columbia, the proportion of men and women is nearly equal;

And whereas in mental power and purity of morals the average woman is equal to the average man;

And whereas no evil effects seem to have followed the granting of Municipal and School suffrage to properly qualify women in this Province;

And whereas the women of the nation have as much interest as the men in securing laws, prohibiting vice, inculcating virtue, and tending to the preservation of national peace and prosperity;

And whereas British Columbia women, equally with men, are governed by the laws enacted by this Legislature;

And whereas, as a tribute to Her Majesty Queen Victoria on the Celebration of Her "Diamond Jubilee," your petitioners believe it would be a fitting and graceful act on the part of the Legislature in Session in the City which bears Her Majesty's name, to show their appreciation of Her Majesty by granting to those of her sex in this Province equal rights of citizenship with men;

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray your Honourably Body to enact a law during the present Session providing that the rights of citizenship shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex, but that full Franchise shall be granted to the women of this Province on the same terms as to the men.

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

Signed by women of 21 years and over.

MRS. D. W. HIGGINS,  
EDITH C. PERRIN,  
E. I. JENNS,

And 2,407 others.

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