

PETITION.

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Council assembled:—

Whereas the Electoral District of Nanaimo has, during the past few years, more than doubled itself in population and importance, so that it is now entitled to rank as the second Electoral District of British Columbia in these respects; we, the undersigned, voters and residents of the said Electoral District, most humbly pray that you would take the claims of this rising and prosperous District, in the matter of Increased Representation in the Legislative Assembly of this Province, under your most serious consideration;

And whereas the Town of Nanaimo has lately been incorporated as a City, we respectfully ask that the "Constitution Act" may be so amended as to allow a Representative for the City of Nanaimo, and one for the balance of the Electoral District of Nanaimo, thus carrying out the principle that has been applied to the Cities of Victoria and New Westminster.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc., etc.

J. R. Chellew	J. Bryden	M. Bate
C. Jones	Joseph Webb	P. Taylor
John Sabiston	Edward Wall	J. Randle, Jr.
Chas. J. Warner	Thos. G. Murphy	John Galbraith
J. C. Brown	John Renwick	Daniel Campbell
Samuel Fiddick	John Meakin	Charles Walmsley
Henry Bolton	Jeremiah Harris	Wm. Crockford
James Eade	H. Graves	James Allan
James Harris	Charles F. Gullion	D. R. Roberts
J. F. Lutz	John Hunter	A. Vallard
David Frew	Archibald Dick	J. A. McDonald
George Mills	John Bank	Edwin Gough
James McKay Sabiston	M. A. McKenzie	William McColluch
Benjamin Howell Davies	Fred Rowbottom	Ed. Lentball
J. M. Haggard	John Hirst	A. E. Keeler
John James	G. Tranfield	John Fisher
Geo. House	A. P. Wellings	Thos. Wall
James House	Richard Drew	J. Sewell
Peter Olier	James Wilcox	S. Price
George W. Greger	Daniel Dunn	G. Rees
George Duhow	Leon Eckstein	Thos. Dermott
James W. Brunton	Timothy Sullivan	James House
Walter Griffiths	M. Haller	John H. Evans
W. Hall	James Condon	Peter Hollier
George Bainbridge	Thos. McBride	Jerry Harris
J. B. Dawdry	William Morgan	J. C. Jaques
James Rielt	Michael Bowden	T. Dupuy
J. McIntyre	Alfred Raper	C. B. Brown
E. Kennedy	John Briggs	Joseph Curry
Wm. Raybould	Richard Gibson	Marcus Roe
John J. Landale	D. Hoggan	H. Jeffrees
Ed. Luttrill	Wm. Pringle	H. Pilenson
William Isbister	John Wilson	William Wilks
William Blair	B. H. Davis	Dennis Barrett
J. D. Wiser	Thomas Akenhead	George Greenwood
Joseph Fletcher	Ben. D. Davis	James Phillips
G. Baker	Thomas Wilkes	Frank Hoar
John Hibbert	Thomas Perry	William Sage
Geo. Norris	James Harvey	Alex. Dunsmuir
Samuel Gough	Geo. Thomson	William Baker

James Lewis
 David Hopkins
 Thomas Beckensell
 W. Reid
 A. Hamilton
 E. Evans
 William Bealy
 R. Richardson
 John Baker
 Albert Jones
 J. L. Work
 John Fear
 John D. Dixon
 Thomas Corlett
 Peter Bowman
 James Wilks
 James H. Hawkes
 William Jack
 George Furness
 Richard Hocking
 William O. Baker
 Wm. May
 R. Pickering Norris
 S. Carter
 Joseph Ganner
 Wm. Curnow
 David Harris
 James Thompson
 Harry Ross
 James Burrell
 R. G. Beck
 Moses Webb
 Thomas Penny

S. B. Hamilton
 William Cowling
 James Malpass
 Thos. W. Gaholm
 George David Harvey
 Arthur Fenney
 Aeneas M. Sabiston
 Jas. Stove
 William Martin
 Wm. Bailey
 R. Brinn
 N. Westwood
 A. Mayer
 T. D. Jones
 Jas. A. Westfield
 John H. Scales
 Wm. Stewart
 Thos. McGuffie
 Robert Aitken
 William Stewart
 Joseph Perkins
 John Marwick
 James Beck
 Robert Goddine
 Christopher Finlay
 John Dick
 Charles Machin
 Benjamin Raper
 Henry Gribbell
 John Williams
 Wm. Brown
 W. E. Webb
 Jas. Akenhead

John Gemmell
 James Devlin
 James Beck
 John Tennant
 James A. Carstairs
 Francis Little
 John Thomson
 Thos. Cairns
 M. Halloreen
 John Meakin, Snr.
 O. A. Halland
 David Page
 Joseph Westwood
 R. O. Beck
 Peter Welsh
 John Grandam
 John Morgan
 William Harris
 Joseph Randle
 Thomas Morgan
 M. Alexander
 William Randle
 Andrew Hunter
 Alexander Galloway
 Joseph Hall
 John Malpas
 Frederick Wenborn
 John Williams
 Elijah Ganner
 James Fisher
 George Fisher
 F. Myers

PETITION.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:—

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED CONTRACTORS,

SHEWETH :—

That John Nicholson has been acting as Superintendent of Roads for Victoria, Saanich, and other districts, on behalf of Government, for about two years:

That we are informed, and verily believe, that the said John Nicholson has been in the habit of giving figures to contractors when tenders were called for for making Roads, &c., detrimental to the interest of your petitioners:

That George and Joseph Nicholson, brothers of John Nicholson, are contractors, and have had Government contracts under the superintendence of the said John Nicholson:

That we are of opinion, and verily believe, that the said John Nicholson is in the habit of obtaining contracts for Government work in the names of other persons, he at the same time being the party reaping the benefit of the contract, which amounts to passing his own work.

We, therefore, humbly pray your Honorable House may be pleased to appoint a Committee to investigate the matter, with power to call for persons and papers.

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

WILLIAM BAKER,
DUNCAN CAMERON,
WILLIAM HICK,

WILLIAM TIERNEY,
ALEXANDER JACK,
WILLIAM THOMSON.

PETITION.

To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of ROBERT PATERSON RITHET, JOHN HERBERT TURNER, JAMES ELIPHET McMILLAN, PATRICK McTIERNAN, and BENJAMIN WILLIAM PEARSE,

HUMBLY SHEWETH:

1. That your Petitioners are the Trustees of the Ross Bay Cemetery.
2. That upon the request of different religious bodies or churches in the City of Victoria, your petitioners resolved, under the "Cemetery Ordinance, 1870," and subject to the approval of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, to allot distinct portions of the Cemetery to each of such churches.
3. That on the 29th July, 1873, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor approved of such allotments.
4. That such allotments were so made to four churches, namely, the Roman, the Presbyterian, the Wesleyan Methodist, and the Episcopal Churches.
5. That recently, upon application being made, a portion was allotted to the Reformed Episcopal Church, subject to the approval of the His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.
6. That portions of the Cemetery have been reserved for general use.
7. That by virtue of allotment the clergy of each church have the exclusive right of performing the burial service in the ground allotted to that church.
8. That, by consent, the clergy of one church frequently perform service in the ground of another church.
9. That if the aforesaid exclusive right had been denied to, or should now be taken away from, the Roman and Episcopal Churches, those Churches would be driven out of the Cemetery, and thus deprived of a benefit to which as part of the public they were and are clearly entitled.
10. That your Petitioners are informed that a Bill has been introduced in your Honorable House which, if passed, will have the effect of abrogating the aforesaid exclusive right, and thus inflict grievous injury upon the Roman and Episcopal Churches, and especially upon such members of these Churches as have relations buried or have secured lots in their particular ground.
11. That your Petitioners believe that public sentiment is in favor of retaining the existing arrangement.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House may be pleased not to pass any Act to abrogate the aforesaid exclusive right.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, &c., &c.

J. H. TURNER,

Chairman, for the Board.