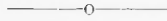


# PETITION.



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

HONOURABLE SIR AND GENTLEMEN:—

Having seen a notice in the Government Gazette to the effect that the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo intended asking your Honourable Body for the passage of an Act, during your current Session of Parliament, to declare and make legal and official a recent survey made by the authority of a late City Council, and as the recent survey does not agree with the present Official survey, a plan of which is registered and in force, we, the undersigned ratepayers, do hereby protest against such recent survey being adopted, through the passage of the aforesaid contemplated Act, for the following reasons, viz.:—

Firstly—A vote of the ratepayers was taken for and against the loan by-law for the said re-survey, and it was defeated by a large majority, but notwithstanding the vote the said Council re-surveyed the city.

Secondly—The re-survey includes within the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo, Commercial Inlet, which Inlet the City Council applied to the Dominion Government for, but which Inlet has, by all appearance, become the property of a private corporation without having the consent of the ratepayers. The Commercial Inlet is not in a fit and proper condition to be annexed and accepted within the corporate limits, being without streets of any kind would render the City of Nanaimo liable for the construction and maintenance of streets under very costly expense and hardships to your ratepaying petitioners.

Thirdly—That your petitioners most strenuously oppose any contemplated change or alteration in the lines of our property (purchased many years ago) as now existing, and which will be affected by the sought for Act, to make official the re-survey which, as we have already stated, was vetoed by the votes of the ratepayers before such re-survey was entered upon.

And we, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated, Nanaimo, December 12th, 1894.

JOHN GEMMELL,  
JOSEPH ALLISON,  
GEORGE FISHER,  
H. HEWITT,  
JAMES GORDON,  
JOHN MARWICK.