
PETITION.

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

We, the undersigned officers of the Grand Lodge of the "Independent Order of Good Templars" of British Columbia, representing two thousand members in the said Order in the Province of British Columbia, do most humbly petition your Honourable Body for the passage of a law for the better observance of the Sabbath, sheweth:—

That your petitioners have noticed, with regret, the opening of candy stores, saloons and cigar stores on the Sabbath Day, commonly called Sunday, and that the present License Law, while an improvement, does not enforce the closing of saloons and bar-rooms on the Sabbath Day, but simply says they shall not sell intoxicating liquors, which makes it very difficult to convict under said law.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body will, during its present Session, enact such a law as will enforce the closing of all saloons and bar-rooms from seven o'clock on Saturday night of each and every week, and remain closed until the following Monday morning at seven o'clock of each and every week, and that all lights be extinguished.

And also, that said law shall enforce the closing of all candy stores, barber shops and cigar stores, and that it shall be unlawful for any drug store to sell cigars or soft drinks on the Sabbath Day, commonly called Sunday.

Hoping you will grant our humble petition, your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c., &c.

Signed and sealed in behalf of the members of the aforesaid Grand Lodge.

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