

# PETITION.

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

The petition of the Retail and Wholesale Druggists of the City of Victoria, humbly sheweth:

That whereas a petition has been presented to your Honourable Body praying for an amendment to the "Pharmacy Act of 1891," to compel the use of special bottles in the retailing of poisons.

And whereas there is at present under consideration "a Bill to further amend the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891.'"

The Druggists of Victoria respectfully call your attention to the fact that the passage of the "amendment to the 'Pharmacy Act, 1891,'" in its present form will entail unnecessary expense upon the public and conflict materially with the regular transaction of the drug business in this Province, both wholesale and retail. In support of these statements, we would direct your attention to the fact that as poisons in Schedules A and B, with no exceptions, come under the proposed amendment, *i.e.*, "no person shall sell such poison by retail except in a bottle, or similar vessel, covered with sharp or raised points, blown or made in the same," Rough on Rats and Rat Poisons (which come from the manufacturer in wooden boxes and paper envelopes), will necessarily have to be changed from original package to a "vessel" "covered with sharp or raised points, blown or made in the same." Dr. C. Browne's Chlorodyne, which contains, according to label, morphine, will also be contrary to Act, put up in a special blue bottle though not rough to the touch. Strychnine, of which large quantities are sold in bottles, containing  $\frac{1}{8}$  oz. each, neither blue nor rough, will be contrary to the Act. Again, Tarta Emetic and the whole of the poisons in Schedule B are crystals or powders with the exception of Carbolic Acid, Chloroform, Ether, Croton Oil and Goulard's Extract; the practicability of retailing small quantities of crystals and powders only in bottles requires no comment. As the object of this amendment is to prevent the possibility of a liquid for external application being taken internally by mistake, and as in order to make the use of special poison bottles compulsory by Act of Parliament in such cases would make the enumeration necessary of many drugs, toxic and comparatively non-toxic, we would respectfully suggest that the Act be not amended as proposed.

And your petitioners, in duty bound will ever pray.

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