No. 17B.

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly now in Session at Victoria:

We, the undersigned merchants, property holders and citizens of Vancouver, most respectfully pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to make the amendments in the City Charter which have been applied for by the City Council, believing the best interests of the city will be promoted by so doing.

The question of the exemption of certain property of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has been long and favourably considered by the ratepayers, but it was found that the City Charter, as at present worded, does not empower the citizens to meet the reasonable requests of the Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and therefore it has hitherto been impossible to take a vote of the people on the subject.

Your petitioners would point out that after the amendments sought have been made, the question of exemption will be submitted by by-law and decided by the voters, so that the action of your Honourable Body will in nowise affect the question.

Bespeaking your most favourable consideration of this petition, your petitioners will ever pray.

OPPENHEIMER BROS.
McLennan, McFeely & Co.
J. M. Buxton
and 94 others.