

No. 4A.

## PETITION.

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

The petition of the Vancouver Gas Company, Limited Liability, a body corporate, having its head office at the City of Vancouver, British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners were incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of this Province in the year 1886, and have been supplying gas to the inhabitants of the City of Vancouver continuously from that year up to the present time.

That your petitioners have large works in the said City of Vancouver, and have expended large sums of money therein.

That by an Act of the Legislature of this Province, being Chapter 68 of the Statutes of 1895, known as the "Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1895," it was enacted by section 16, sub-section 6, that the City of Vancouver should not enter into competition with certain private Companies, among them being Gas Companies, unless the City Council of the said City had first by by-law fixed the price which the City would offer for the property of the Company whose operations would be interfered with, and the said section and sub-sections set out the provisions under which any such purchase was to be made.

That your petitioners are advised and verily believe that the Corporation of the City of Vancouver are applying to your Honourable House at its present Session for an Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act.

That your petitioners have seen a copy of the proposed Bill, and find that the provisions hereinbefore mentioned have been omitted from the said proposed Bill, and that it does not contain any such provisions as those which your Honourable House saw fit to insert in the said Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1895.

That your petitioners allege that it would be most unfair and unjust to them to allow the present Bill to be passed without the insertion of the said clauses protecting them as provided in the said Statutes of 1895.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will not allow the said proposed Bill to pass and become law without the insertion therein of the provisions contained in the said Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1895.

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

Dated at Vancouver this 26th day of January, A. D. 1900.

J. H. HOARE,  
*President.*

JAS. ENGLAND,  
*Secretary.*

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