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# 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 JOHN NICOLSON MUIR, of the City of Victoria, sheweth :—

1. That your petitioner desires to become a teacher in the Public Schools of this Province.
2. That your petitioner applied in the years 1890, 1891, and 1892, to the Board of Examiners for granting teachers' certificates for a certificate to teach in the Public Schools.
3. That your petitioner complied with all the requirements in each of those years ; yet, in each and every year he failed to receive a certificate or any reason for its refusal.
4. That your petitioner has been offered situations in the Public Schools of the Province provided he could obtain the said certificate.
5. That the highest legal authority, Lord Tenterden, in *Rex v. Mayor of London*, 3, B. and Ad. 269, has decided ; with such a clause as is contained in section 56 of the "School Act, 1891"—"to satisfy the Board of Examiners that he is a fit and proper person to be granted a certificate," that the Board of Examiners has the absolute right of refusal, and no Court can interfere.
6. That the said portion of the said section 56 was introduced into the "School Act, 1891."
7. That your petitioner, on account of his failure year after year to receive his certificate, or any reason for its refusal, is not in a position to know what to do in order to avoid failure the next year, and in the meantime he is deprived of the means of earning his living.

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honourable Body may be pleased to repeal the said clause of the said section 56 of the "School Act, 1891."

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c.

JOHN NICOLSON MUIR.