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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:*

The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

Your petitioners believe that trade is unsettled and great harm done to bonâ fide merchants by transient traders occupying premises in the different cities of the Province for temporary periods and offering goods and merchandise for sale in such premises.

Your petitioners believe that transient traders should be licensed, regulated and governed by by-laws passed by the different municipalities of the Province.

Your petitioners believe that it would be in the best interests of the community and of the bonâ fide merchants doing business therein, to have power given to the Municipal Councils of the different municipalities for regulating transient traders.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the "Municipal Clauses Act" may be amended by giving full power to the Council to pass by-laws "for licensing, regulating and governing transient traders and other persons who occupy premises in the municipality for temporary periods, and who may offer goods or merchandise of any description for sale by auction, or in any other manner, conducted by themselves, or by a licensed auctioneer, or otherwise."

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

THEO. MADSEN.

W. G. PETTINGILL.

GEO. R. ROBSON

and 177 others.

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