

# PETITION.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURABLE BODY:—

The petition of the undersigned Land and Hotel owners of the City of Nanaimo and District hereby humbly pray that your honourable body will duly and properly consider this petition of your humble servants.

Your petitioners pray that no amendment be made to those clauses of the present "Licensing Act," referring to the owners of the houses holding the licence. That the licence shall belong to the house, as at present, and that the tenant be not granted the privilege of taking the licence away from the house, should he for any reason think fit to give up occupancy of the premises. Your petitioners consider that it would be a great injustice, and very cruel, if a tenant was allowed to have the power of taking his licence with him on leaving, and thereby virtually closing the hotel, for as the law now stands in this Municipality, it is next to impossible to get a new licence.

By allowing the licence to be the property of the tenant, he has so much power in his hands, has the landlord at his own mercy, he can dictate his own terms of rental, or can keep a disorderly house, for the landlord would be powerless and can say nothing as the tenant could defy him if he could leave and take the licence with him. For hotels to have their licences taken away just by the caprice of any tenant is not right or fair.

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

MARY WALLS, Balmoral Hotel.  
 JAMES PARROTT, Half-Way House.  
 ANDREW J. McMURTRIE, Abbotsford Hotel.  
 MRS. S. FIDDICK, Occidental Hotel.  
 J. J. CUFFOLO, Italian Hotel.  
 G. BAKER, Dew Drop Hotel.  
 JOSEPH ROBINSON, Identical Hotel.  
 F. W. MILLAR, Provincial Hotel.  
 ELLEN BURLY, Oriental Hotel.  
 JAMES HIRST, for Hotel Nanaimo.  
 MRS. THOS. WALL, Northfield Hotel.  
 ARTHUR BULLOCK, The Grand Hotel.  
 FRED ROWBOTTOM, Crescent Hotel.  
 ALEX. HENDERSON, Globe Hotel.  
 JOHN DICK, Newcastle Hotel.  
 L. SABISTON, } Commercial Hotel.  
 S. A. WOOD, }  
 D. RAWLINSON, Central Hotel.  
 J. PAWSON, "The Old Flag Inn."  
 GEORGE TAYLOR, Wheat Sheaf Hotel.  
 JAMES GORDON, Britannia Hotel.  
 MRS. L. C. McDONALD, Cranberry Hotel.