
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth :

That whereas it is necessary to educate the children of our Province to be honest, upright, law abiding citizens ;

And whereas excessive drinking of spirituous liquor undermines all these desirable traits of character ;

And whereas most of the Provinces of our Dominion and States of the neighbouring Republic, teach in their Public Schools the effect of alcohol upon the human system ;

And whereas it is desirable to give to the children of our Province equal advantages with the children of the rest of this Dominion ;

Therefore, we humbly pray your Honourable Body to make the study of Scientific Temperance in our Public Schools compulsory, and examinations therein necessary for promotion to higher grades.

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

LOUISE BAKER,

President, Local Council of Women, V. & V. I.

On behalf of eight hundred women.

ADDIE A. COCHRANE,

President, L. C. of Vernon.

JESSIE S. MACINTYRE,

Recording Secretary.

ELLA COGHLAN,

Cor. Secretary.

A similar Petition was received from Vancouver Local Council of Women.

Signed on behalf of the Vancouver Local Council of Women.

ANNA J. BEECHER,

President, Vancouver Local Council of Women.

ANNIE KITT LEDGER,

Recording Secretary, Vancouver Local Council.

A similar Petition was received from the Women's Christian Temperance Unions of British Columbia.

Signed on behalf of the four hundred W. C. T. Members in British Columbia.

BARBARA S. LAMB,

President, B. C. W. C. T. U.

M. A. CUNNINGHAM,

Cor. Secretary.

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