

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislature of British Columbia :

Whereas the Municipal Council of this city has petitioned your Honourable Body to amend the "Municipal Act," to empower it to raise the wholesale trades licence from \$100 to \$200 per annum, and the retail trades licence from \$10 to \$50 per annum, and also to increase the tax upon real estate, a great portion of which falls upon business property ;

And whereas the petition of the Municipal Council has been presented without the approval or even the knowledge of the tax-payers of this city, we, the undersigned, wholesale and retail traders, hereby condemn the aforesaid amendments contained in the said petition, and respectfully pray your Honourable Body to refuse to grant the same, and we further pray that the "Municipal Act" be so amended that Victoria trades licences be abolished so that the traders of this city will be on an equality with those of Vancouver, where trades licences do not exist.

LENZ & LEISER.
WILSON BROS.
P. McQUADE & SON,
and 144 others.

Victoria, B. C., 7th May, 1898.