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

We, the undersigned petitioners, respectfully submit for your consideration the necessity of regulations being passed at the present sitting of the Legislature to restrict the free herding of cattle on the streets of the suburban residential districts, close to the City limits, more especially to the Oak Bay District.

At the present time there are no regulations to prevent cattle wandering at large in these districts and at Oak Bay, which is a residential suburb of the City of Victoria.

Cattle in large numbers are daily driven down and left free to wander along the streets in search of food. These cattle being, in some cases, half-starved, break down the fences of our gardens and destroy the gardens, causing us considerable loss.

No one whatever is in charge of these cattle, and in many cases they are left to roam round through the entire night and, as the streets are not lighted, they wander on the car tracks, and already several accidents have resulted.

At all times ladies and children are being alarmed by these cattle, and there is no way of avoiding them, for you cannot proceed along the streets without going through their midst.

We respectfully submit that this state of affairs should not be allowed to continue, and that two or three milk ranchers should not be allowed to cause annoyance and loss to an entire district, merely in order that they shall feed their cattle at the public expense.

If regulations were passed similar in their effect to the City Pound Regulations, and applicable to certain stated and defined suburbs, the nuisance would quickly end.

Trusting that you can see your way to granting us this relief for which we petition you, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

F. B. PEMBERTON,  
F. L. NEALE.  
C. DUBOIS MASON,  
and 19 others.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1902.

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