

PETITION.

To the Members of the Legislature of British Columbia :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Christian Endeavour Society of the Richmond Presbyterian Church, held on Saturday evening, November 10th, current, it was resolved unanimously to petition your Honourable Assembly as follows :—

Whereas it is within the knowledge of your petitioners that the Lord's Day, or the Sabbath, is desecrated in various forms within the Municipality of Richmond, such desecration taking, besides others, the following forms :—

1. During the shooting season parties of men come from Vancouver and other places to shoot wild birds, and the report of the shooting is far too common on the Lord's Day.
2. Occasionally, during the fishing season, the canneries work on the Lord's Day.
3. During June, July and August, games of football and cards, with other sports, are publicly carried on in fields adjoining Steveston and London's Landing on the Lord's Day.
4. During June, July and August, stores and booths are open for the sale of various articles, such as fruit, candies, drinks, &c., on the Lord's Day.
5. It is no uncommon sight to see certain farmers mow hay and gather in crops on the Lord's Day. In fact, an amount of unnecessary labour is performed on the Sabbath.
6. Steamers ply, carrying freight, hauling booms of logs and acting as tugs on the Lord's Day, in that part of the Fraser intersecting Richmond.

Your petitioners humbly set forth to your Honourable Body that steps should be taken to prevent, by enforcement of existing laws, or where these are inadequate, by enacting of new laws, the foregoing and other evils.

As Christian people, we feel hurt that the day of worship and rest should be so dishonoured, and that God's law, in a Christian land, should be so disregarded.

As citizens, we claim the protection of our Government and Legislators, to enable us in our church to worship in peace, and in our homes to rest in quiet on the sacred day.

We do not presume to dictate to you the steps that should be taken to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath, but, believing that your Honourable House contains men whose united wisdom can devise, and whose noble purpose can effect, means for the relief and comfort and well-being of the people of this Province, we humbly petition your Honourable Body to take such steps as will grant your petitioners relief in the premises.

And your petitioners shall ever pray.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Christian Endeavour Society of the Richmond Presbyterian Church.

JAMES BUCHANAN, *Pastor.*
 THOMAS LAING, *President of C. E.*
 EMMA WOOD, *Vice-President.*
 ALEXANDER DUFF, *Treasurer.*

Eburne, B. C., November 19th, 1894.

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PETITION.

To the Members of the Legislature of British Columbia :

GENTLEMEN,—At a meeting of the Session of the Richmond Presbyterian Church, held on Sabbath, November 18th inst., it was unanimously resolved, on behalf of said congregation, to petition your Honourable Assembly as follows :—

Whereas it is within the knowledge of your petitioners that the Lord's Day, or the Sabbath, is desecrated in various forms within the Municipality of Richmond, such desecration taking, besides others, the following forms :—

1. During the shooting season, parties of men come from Vancouver and other places to shoot wild birds, and the report of the shooting, together with the presence of dogs and men, is a public nuisance.

2. Occasionally, during the fishing season, the canneries work on the Lord's Day.

3. Cards and, during the summer, football and other sports are publicly carried on in fields adjoining Steveston and London's Landing on the Sabbath Day.

4. Stores and booths or stalls are open for the sale of various articles in June, July, and August in Steveston.

5. Farmers occasionally work in the fields on the Sabbath Day, and this when necessity cannot be pleaded.

6. Steamers ply for traffic, haul booms, act as tugs, &c., on the Fraser, all the year round ; such traffic is altogether unnecessary.

Your petitioners humbly set forth to your Honourable Body that steps should be taken to prevent, by enforcement of existing laws, or, where these are inadequate, by enacting of new laws, the foregoing and other evils.

As Christian people, we feel hurt that the day of worship and rest should be so dishonoured, and that, in a Christian land, God's law should be so disregarded.

As citizens, we claim the protection of our Government and Legislators to enable us in our church to worship in peace, and in our homes to rest in quiet on the sacred day.

We do not presume to dictate to your Honourable House the steps that should be taken to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath, but, believing that your Honourable House contains men whose united wisdom can devise, and whose noble purpose can effect, means for the relief and comfort and well-being of the people of this Province, we humbly pray that you will take such steps as will grant your petitioners relief in the premises.

And your petitioners shall ever pray.

JAMES BUCHANAN,
Moderator of Session.

DUNCAN SMITH,
Elder.

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