

## No. 5.

## PETITION.

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*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:*

The humble petition of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver sheweth:—

That your petitioners desire to revise and consolidate the various Acts of the Legislature of British Columbia known as—

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1887 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1889 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1890 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1891 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1892 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1893 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1895 ;

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1898 ;

and to amend the same by granting to the Council of the said City power to pass by-laws for (*inter alia*) any of the purposes or for any of the objects following, *i. e.* : To abolish the ward system ; to provide, under certain conditions, for the government of the City by Commissioners ; to assess street railways with a portion of the cost of telephone and other poles ; to charge property owners with the cost of sewers running past or adjoining their premises, by way of rental ; to limit and define localities in which wash-houses and other trades or businesses may be carried on ; to prohibit the opening of barber shops and the carrying on of any trades or business on Sunday ; to provide for the affixing of the Union Label on City supplies ; to impose a tax on bicycles ; to prohibit peddlers, hawkers, transient traders, and petty chapman ; to erect public wharves, and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof ; to purchase, construct, and operate telephone and district messenger systems ; to regulate the sub-division of City lots ; to confirm the present survey of 264A ; to administer oaths to and examine witnesses under oath in civic enquiries ; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years ; to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee by the City ; to repeal section 16 of the "Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1895" ; to provide for the placing of all telephone, electric, and other wires underground ; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property ; to licence clubs ; to prohibit the continuance of and remove slaughter-houses which may be, in the opinion of the Council, a nuisance ; to provide that no by-law defeated by the voters qualified to vote thereon shall be again introduced until a period of three months from the date of such defeat shall have elapsed ; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal, and repairing of buildings, authorising the pulling down or removal of buildings erected, removed, or repaired in contravention of any by-law ; and for such other amendments, powers, and authorities as may be necessary or expedient for the government of the City.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act revising, consolidating, and amending the said Acts of Incorporation and amending Acts, and by conferring on the said Corporation the powers and privileges above set forth or referred to, and such other powers and privileges as may be deemed to be conducive or expedient for the good government of the said City.

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



JAMES F. GARDEN,

*Mayor.*

THOS. F. MCGUIGAN,

*City Clerk.*

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