

No. 17A.

## PETITION.

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*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly now in Session at Victoria:*

We, the citizens and property owners of Vancouver, would humbly petition your Honourable Body against the proposed amendments to the Vancouver City Charter, until the electors shall have an opportunity to discuss the same. And your petitioners further believe that all amendments to the City Charter should be submitted to a vote of the electorate before being submitted to your Honourable Body for your consideration. We would infer from notices published in the daily papers, that the main object of the proposed amendments are the exemption of the property of the Canadian Pacific R. R. Co. from paying their proportionate share of the municipal taxes.

As a matter of fact the Canadian Pacific R. R. Co. owns a large tract of land, about 100 acres, right in the heart of the city, that is exempt from all municipal taxes at the present time.

And your petitioners would further remind your Honourable Body of the number of non-resident owners of property in Vancouver, that depend on the City Charter to protect their interests against any reckless bonusing or borrowing of money.

Trusting your Honourable Body will give this petition your most favourable consideration.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

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and 31 others.

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