

PETITION.

—o—

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

The humble petition of the undersigned sheweth:—

1st. That your petitioners are Spiritualists, and profess that form of religious belief commonly known as Spiritualism, and others are their friends.

2nd. That Spiritualism combines religion and science, and scientific investigation into matters affecting the body and the soul.

3rd. That, in common with other religious systems, Spiritualism has its advocates, teachers, and missionaries, who are known under the names of "mediums," and who are also called "seers" and "clairvoyants."

4th. That under sub-section 29 of section 52 of the "Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893," every municipality is empowered to issue licences and to levy and collect by means of such licences "from each astrologer, seer, fortune-teller, and clairvoyant" a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for every six months.

5th. That your petitioners feel that the above licence fee is prohibitive of the exercise of their religion and in restraint of that religious liberty accorded to all other religious bodies.

6th. That your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to repeal or amend the said sub-section 29 of section 52 of the "Municipal Act Amendment Act, 1893."

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

A. H. Maynard,
O. C. Hastings,
Phil. R. Smith,
Thomas Cavin,
Mumroe Miller,
John Bland,
Alex. Hutchinson,
Geo. H. Cavin,
G. Hardy,
M. Hastings,
E. Allen,
J. Allen,
M. Merrill,
N. Winch,
Miss Nellie Johnston,

C. Randolph,
J. J. Randolph,
J. H. Dobbs,
H. Browning,
H. B. Rendell,
N. C. Mayo,
W. S. Hurst,
Mary C. Cain,
J. P. Hancock,
Bella Bissett,
Gercenita Hastings,
J. Merrill,
R. B. Devlin,
T. B. Devlin,
S. T. Hastings,

H. Maynard,
H. Macdonald,
James Denny,
W. V. Brown,
M. Edmonds,
A. E. Greenwood,
W. L. Ogilvy,
Richard Hilbert,
W. H. Smith,
J. R. McKenzie,
Jas. Cuthbertson,
L. C. Ashworth,
Jas. A. Cohen,
William H. Jones,

Annie E. Hancock,
Agnes Ellen Jones,
J. H. Causten,
O. A. Hastings,
R. Maynard,
S. Duck,
S. Duck,
W. Duck,
Grace Tittensoe,
Wm. Beaumont,
Henry Hancock,
Charles Hancock,
B. H. West,
J. Jones.

RESIDENTS OF NANAIMO.

Geo. Campbell,
J. Martell,
A. Crossan,
Thos. Hardy,
James Milman,
John Appley,
Jas. S. Wilson,
George Kellett,
James Lee,
P. Midden,

Charles Dutton,
W. Wymond Walkem, MD.
W. J. Curry, D.D.S.,
J. Pawson,
K. C. McDonald,
Geo. Thomson,
John McCuish,
John M. Davies,
Dan McLeod,
Neil McCuish,

Thomas Keith, M.P.P.,
Wm. Rickson,
John Hamilton,
William Beveridge,
W. E. McCartney,
George Fisher,
John Cowan,
Peter Cowan,
William Edmunds,
J. H. Cockins,

Thos. McLay,
William Wadsworth,
A. C. Anderson,
Joseph Curry,
William Hodgson,
John R. Hickman,
William Sinclair,
James Nicholson,
Henry Shepherd,
J. F. Barrett,

D. C. McKenzie,
James Nicholson,
John Dodd,
Walter Ross,
W. H. Morton,
J. H. Pleace (Ald.),
Thomas Wilks (Ald.),
J. Mason,
A. Raper,
Geo. Whitfield,
A. C. Swayne,
John Peace,
Charles Taggart,
James Hathway,
James Patterson,
David Scott,
G. Taylor,
James Young,
John Hilditch,
W. H. Moss,
Geo Ramsay,
William Dick,

G. McKinnell,
William Woodman,
Jos. M. Brown,
Thomas Hodgson,
Isaac Harris,
C. Jacobson,
F. K. Winch,
J. Rickson,
T. Rickson,
John Bevington,
Francis R. Geoghegan,
B. Baker,
Stephen Foster,
Nelson G. Foster,
Charlton H. Pearson,
John Frame,
John Hirst,
George Hirst,
Samuel Wallace,
Jno. L. Pratt,
John J. Pearson,
E. McG. Van Houten,

John Sampson,
Joseph Metcalf,
R. J. Weuborn,
Wm. Marshall,
J. D. Stewart,
Wm. K. Leighton,
T. R. Jones,
W. J. Keith,
W. Randle,
S. H. Johnson,
E. M. Yarwood,
E. A. Brown,
R. Dunlop,
James W. Brown,
A. E. Randle,
D. J. Thomas,
Gilbert Inkster,
Donald Smith,
W. Wenborn,
John Scales,
James Bradley,
Jas. Thompson,

D. S. McDonald,
D. D. Jones,
George Danks,
J. B. Allan,
H. Rosewell,
Thos. Dixon,
C. McCutcheon,
M. Morrison (Ald.),
Alex. Henderson,
Robt. Pollock,
E. Hodgson,
A. Haslam (Ex-Mayor),
Henry Devlin,
John Meakin,
Richard Nightingale (Ald.)
Fred. Meakin,
James Crossan,
A. D. McKenzie,
J. McKenzie,
A. Shaw,
F. Quennell (Mayor),
A. A. Richardson.

VICTORIA, B.C. :

Printed by RICHARD WOLFENDEN, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty,