

No. 4E.

# PETITION.

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

The petition of William Farrell, of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

1. That your petitioner is a ratepayer of the City of Vancouver, and has been a resident of that City for the past nine years.

2. The Corporation of the City of Vancouver have caused to be introduced at the present Session of the Legislative Assembly, a Bill entitled "An Act to revise and consolidate the Vancouver Incorporation Act."

3. By section three (3) of the said Bill, it is proposed to be enacted that the Council of the said City shall possess the power to declare the whole City to be one ward, or to divide the same into wards, or to increase, from time to time, the number of said wards, at the will of the Council.

4. Your petitioner alleges that the said proposition has not been brought prominently to the attention of ratepayers of the City of Vancouver, and that it is not the wish of the ratepayers, as a whole, that this power should be vested in the Council.

5. Your petitioner submits that the said provision is not desirable in the interests of the ratepayers of the City of Vancouver, inasmuch as it does away with the power of the minority to be represented and have a voice in the management of the affairs of the City.

And your petitioner, therefore, humbly prays that your Honourable House will grant leave to your petitioner to be heard by counsel and agents in support of his objection to the said provision of the said Act.

Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays that your Honourable House may be pleased to give consideration to that portion of the said Act as herein objected to.

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

Dated this 30th day of January, A. D. 1900.

W. FARRELL.