
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Honourable Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session Assembled:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOURABLE BODY:—

The petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth:

That whereas twenty-five hundred women of this Province petitioned, without success, the Honourable Members of the Provincial Legislature assembled in March, 1897, to extend the franchise to the women of this Province;

And whereas twenty-five hundred persons (one thousand of whom were voters) petitioned, without success, the same Honourable Members of the Legislature in March, 1898, to pass a measure providing that the rights of citizenship should not be abridged or denied on account of sex;

And whereas, in mental and moral power, educational attainments and industrial effort, the average woman equals the average man, and in all that constitutes true and natural citizenship, viz., intelligence, industry, love of home and country, the power to produce wealth, and to share the national burdens, the average woman has proved herself equal with the average man;

And whereas in school and municipal suffrage granted to the women of our Province have been attended with most beneficial results;

Therefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honourable body to pass a measure providing the right to vote in elections for members of the Legislative Assembly shall be extended to the women of the Province.

And your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

On behalf of the Petitioners.

J. C. SPEER,
President of the B. C. Alliance.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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