
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and the Members of the Legislature of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :

The humble petition of the undersigned ratepayers, residents and property holders of the City of Victoria, sheweth :—

That whereas by the "Municipal Act, 1891," power was given to the Council of every municipality to make by-laws for accepting, purchasing and holding land for public cemeteries within or without the municipal limits :

And whereas before the passing of that Act such power extended to lands beyond the municipality only :

And whereas it is the opinion of your petitioners that it is very detrimental to the adjacent property holders and undesirable to have cemeteries within municipal limits :

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will take such steps as shall to you seem fit to so amend the "Municipal Act, 1891," as to render it illegal for the Corporation of the City of Victoria to accept, purchase or hold land for public cemeteries within municipal limits, as it was before the passing of the Act of 1891.

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

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The humble petition of the undersigned ratepayers and residents of Victoria City, sheweth :—

That whereas, in the year 1889, the Corporation of the City of Victoria purchased, for use as a Cemetery, Lot 81, Fairfield Farm Estate, and obtained an option of purchase at any time before June, 1893, of a portion of Lot 80 in the same estate.

And whereas at that time the said lots were outside the then city limits, and the property holders and residents in the neighbourhood had no right to vote, in respect of their property, against the purchase of the said lots for such a purpose, and still have no such right, nor the right to vote for the representatives in the Municipal Council of the Corporation of Victoria, although their property is now within the city limits.

And whereas the said residents have always considered and still consider that the making of a cemetery in their midst was unjust to them and hurtful to their property.

And whereas a by-law to authorize the Corporation to raise money for the purpose of completing the purchase of the said portion of Lot 80 was submitted to the ratepayers of Victoria City, in the month of August, 1891, and was defeated.

And whereas your petitioners have been informed and believe that the Corporation of the City of Victoria is desirous of applying to your Honourable House for a Bill to enable them to (*inter alia*) complete the purchase of the said portion of Lot 80, for use as a cemetery.

And whereas the rules of your Honourable House as to the publication of notices of application have not been complied with.

And whereas your petitioners are of opinion that it would be unjust to them should your Honourable House pass an Act enabling the Corporation of the City of Victoria to do that which the ratepayers have decided not to do, and which would entail a great injustice upon a large number of the residents and property holders in the neighbourhood of the said lots, who have as yet no vote as aforesaid.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will not pass an Act into law which shall contain a provision enabling the Corporation of the City of Victoria to acquire the said portion of Lot 80, for use as a cemetery.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

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