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## PETITION.

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

The Petition of the Vancouver Water Works Company, humbly sheweth :—

That Section 27 of Bill No. —, entitled “An Act to amend the Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886,” is at variance with the prior legislation upon the subject of the construction of the Water Works in the said city.

That the said section unwarrantably and prejudicially interferes with the vested right of your petitioners, and is not in accordance with the spirit of the negotiations now pending between the said city and your petitioners.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will not sanction the enactment of the said section in the said Bill.

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

Victoria, B. C., February 17th, 1891.

R. P. RITHEP,

[Seal.]

One of the Directors of the Vancouver Water Works Co.,  
acting for the President in his absence.

Witness to affixing of seal :

J. W. McFARLAND,  
*Secretary.*

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VICTORIA, B. C.:

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*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia.*

The humble petition of the undersigned owners of lands in Townships numbers sixteen (16), nineteen (19), twenty-two (22), and twenty-three (23), in the District of New Westminster, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth:—

That a large portion of the lands in the aforesaid Townships is periodically subjected to overflow of water from the Fraser River, and it is desirable that steps should be taken and works constructed to prevent such overflow, and to reclaim the said lands and render the same productive.

And whereas the British Columbia Improvement Company (Limited Liability), and E. Carter-Cotton, Charles T. Dunbar and Donald McGillivray, shareholders in the said Company, have applied to your Honourable Assembly for an Act of Incorporation for the purpose of dyking and reclaiming those portions of the Townships aforesaid affected by the overflow of water from the Fraser River, and for assessing the owners of lands which may be benefited by such works in proportion to the benefit to be derived from them, and for acquiring lands which may be benefited, and for a land grant in aid of such works.

And whereas the lands sought to be benefited consist of two classes namely, prairie or low lying lands, and brush or higher lands.

And whereas we are desirous that the said Company and persons should be incorporated for the purposes, and with the powers and privileges aforesaid, and are willing to contribute and pay towards the said works for all lands under the level of the high water of 1882 (which is the highest known water), the aggregate amount of \$5 per acre for prairie lands, and \$2.50 per acre for brush lands, the payments to be made as follows, that is to say, the first at the expiration of five years, the second at the expiration of ten years, and the third at the expiration of fifteen years from the completion of the dyke. And we are further willing to pay interest on the several amounts due by us at the rate of seven per cent. (7%) per annum from the completion of the dyke, provided, however, that the dyke shall first have been completed to the satisfaction of an engineer to be agreed upon between the Company and such three representative persons as your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to appoint; or, failing such agreement, such inspecting engineer as you may be pleased to nominate.

Your petitioners therefore pray:—That the said Company and persons may be incorporated for the aforesaid purposes, with such powers, rights and privileges as your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to grant them.

*Dated this                      day of January, A.D., 1891.*

And further the undersigned hereby expect that the waters or creek known as Vedder Creek shall be turned into some other channel to prevent any of said waters flowing into Sumas Prairie.

W. MCGILLIVRAY,  
J. S. CHADSEY,  
GEO. W. CHADSEY,  
WM. CHADSEY,  
R. W. HODGSON,  
A. HERBERT WANE,

And twenty-nine others.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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