

# PETITION.

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

The petition of Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1, of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, of Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, of the same Order, and Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 120, of the Registry of Scotland, humbly sheweth:—

1. That by an indenture dated the 15th February, 1878, hereinafter referred to as "The Trust Deed," Frederick Williams, of Victoria, conveyed to Eli Harrison the elder, Thomas Trounce, and Eli Harrison the younger, the pieces of land in Victoria, British Columbia, known and numbered as town lots 609 and 610, on certain trusts which are set forth in the said Trust Deed.

2. That by an indenture dated the 18th June, 1892, the said Eli Harrison the elder, Thomas Trounce, and Eli Harrison the younger, conveyed the said pieces of land to James Munroe Miller, Morris Moss, and William Walter Northcott, to be held by them upon the trusts set forth in the said Trust Deed.

3. That the moneys for the purchase of the said lots and for the erection of the buildings thereon were subscribed by certain persons to whom certificates in the following form were issued:

<p>"Received from Brother being subscription in full for</p>	<p>"VICTORIA, B. C.,  shares in the Masonic building fund. (Signed) "H. F. HEISTERMAN, "Secretary for Trustees."</p>	<p>18 dollars,</p>
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4. That the total amount paid in respect of the said lands and buildings and in respect of which certificates were issued was \$12,000.

5. That other certificates were issued, and from time to time these were exchanged, and in 1890-91-92 all the said certificates were redeemed by your petitioners and the same are now held by the following persons, namely, as to 200 shares, by Angus McKeown, Thomas R. Mitchell, the said Arthur St. George Flint and Arthur Louis Belyea, in trust for the said Victoria Columbia Lodge, No. 1; as to 200 shares, by Robert B. McMicking, the said Archibald Blair Erskine and Henry Waller and George Glover, in trust for the said Vancouver Quadra Lodge, No. 2, and as to the remaining 200 shares, by Alexander Roland Milne, Benjamin Williams, Joseph Era Phillips, and Thomas Bulman Pearson, in trust for the said Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, No. 120.

6. That the present trustees find that it is impossible under the existing trusts to borrow money for the purpose of improving the property or using the same to the proper advantage of the persons beneficially entitled thereto.

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7. The petitioners are desirous that the property be released from the trusts in the Trust Deed and be conveyed to a certain body to be incorporated for that purpose, under the style and title of the "Masonic Temple Association of Victoria, British Columbia," the revenue of the corporate body to be appropriated and applied for the benefit of the petitioners or other persons holding in the aforesaid certificates.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that an Act may be passed incorporating the said twelve holders and such other persons as shall from time to time be holders of the said certificates, and that the said property may be conveyed by the said Act to such corporation freed from the trusts of the deed of the 15th February, 1878, but the revenue of the said corporation to be applied for the benefit of your petitioners or other persons for the time being holding the said certificates.

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

A. ST. G. FLINT, *W. M. Victoria Columbia, No. 1.*

ARCHIBALD BLAIR ERSKINE, *W. M. Vancouver and Quadra, No. 2.*

ALEXANDER STEWART, *First Principal Columbia Royal Arch Chapter, 120, G.R.S.*

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VICTORIA, B. C.:

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