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# PETITION.

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*To the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia in Session assembled :*

May it please your Honourable Body : The petition of the undersigned residents of the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

That whereas the women of British Columbia compose a large proportion of the entire population, and in their various spheres and occupations contribute to the growth and up-building of the Province ;

And whereas in the homes and schools of British Columbia, in the great movements of philanthropy and all moral reform, women have laboured unceasingly to inculcate the highest and noblest principles of human conduct, thereby promoting the purest patriotism ;

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 to the average man ;

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

Therefore, the undersigned petitioners hereby declare their conviction that woman's disfranchisement should cease ;

That the test of sex in citizenship is a gross injustice to half the people and a direct violation of the principles of representation by population ;

Therefore, your petitioners humbly pray your Honourable Body to pass a measure providing that the rights of citizenship should not be abridged or denied on account of sex, but that the right to vote at 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.

J. F. BEEK.  
WALTER MORRIS.  
MARY G. HALL  
and 2,574 others.