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*To the Honourable the Speaker and the Honourable the Members of the House of Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:*

Whereas a resolution was passed at a public meeting held in the City Hall, in the City of New Westminster, on the 2nd instant, censuring the Municipal Council of the said city because of its having passed a resolution asking that the municipal franchise be limited to such persons as were either owners of real property of the assessed value of \$50, or leaseholders paying a rental of \$100 a year:

And whereas the resolution passed at the said public meeting expressed the opinion that the municipal franchise of the said city should, under certain restrictions, be extended to all persons who have been resident in the city for a certain period, and have paid certain licenses or personal taxes:

And whereas it is the opinion of the undersigned that the municipal franchise of the said city ought to be limited to persons who are owners of real property or resident householders, and that the said public meeting did not represent the majority of the ratepayers of said city:

Therefore we, the undersigned ratepayers of the City of New Westminster, humbly pray that you will be pleased so to amend the "Municipal Act" as to make it conform to the terms of the resolution passed by the Municipal Council, namely: That the franchise in the said city be extended to all persons, otherwise qualified, who are owners of real property of the assessed value of not less than \$50, or who are resident leaseholders paying a rental of not less than \$100 per annum and who have had their names as such leaseholders placed on the voters' list of the said city, but that such persons shall not be qualified to vote on any by-law for the purpose of borrowing money or the sale of real property belonging to the Corporation of the said city, unless otherwise qualified as provided by the Act of Incorporation and amendments thereto.

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

Alfred Smither,  
Charles Murray,  
Joseph E. Gaynor,  
Joseph Brown,

Geo. L. Schetky,  
A. Matheson,  
D. McPherson,  
Jas. W. Harvey,

And 280 others.