

No. 4.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

The humble petition of the Corporation of the City of Vancouver, sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous that an Act should be passed by your Honourable Body, revising, consolidating and amending—

The Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1887.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1889.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1890.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1891.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1892.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1893.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1895.

The Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1898.

And that the said Acts should be amended, and that further powers should be granted by the revised consolidating Act to the said Corporation of the City of Vancouver, by granting to the Council of the said City power to pass by-laws for (*inter alia*) any of the purposes or for any of the objects following, *i. e.*, to abolish the ward system; to provide, under certain conditions, for the government of the City by Commissioners; to assess street railways with a portion of the cost of watering streets; to regulate the placing of telephone and other poles; to charge property owners with the cost of sewers running past or adjoining their premises, by way of rental; to limit and define localities in which wash-houses and other trades or business may be carried on; to prohibit the opening of barber shops and the carrying on of any trades or businesses on Sunday; to provide for the affixing of the Union Label on City supplies; to impose a tax on bicycles; to prohibit peddlers, hawkers, transient traders and petty chapmen; to erect public wharves and impose and collect tolls for the use thereof; to purchase, construct and operate telephone and district messenger systems; to regulate the subdivision of City lots; to confirm the present survey of 264A; to administer oaths to and examine witnesses under oath in civic enquiries; to enter into contracts extending over a period of years; to borrow money for specific purposes, giving as security the undertaking and guarantee by the City; to repeal section 16 of the Vancouver Incorporation Act Amendment Act, 1895; to provide for the placing of all telephone, electric and other wires underground; to provide a fund for the insurance of civic buildings and property; to licence clubs; to prohibit the continuance of and remove slaughter houses which may be in the opinion of the Council a nuisance; to provide that no by-law defeated by the voters qualified to vote thereon, shall be again introduced until a period of three months from the date of such defeat shall have elapsed; to regulate and prohibit the erection, removal and repairing of buildings, authorising the pulling down or removal of buildings erected, removed or repaired in contravention of any by-law; and for such other amendments, and granting such further powers, and making such other amendments as may be necessary or expedient for the government of the said City.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act so revising, consolidating and amending the said Vancouver Incorporation Act, 1886, and Amending Acts, and granting to the said City the powers and privileges above set forth, and such other powers and privileges as may be deemed conducive or expedient for the good government of the said City.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc., etc., etc.

[L.S.]

JAMES F. GARDEN,
Mayor.
THOS. F. MCGUIGAN,
City Clerk.

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