PETITION.

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

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The humble petition of the undersigned electors and residents of the Province sheweth:

That your petitioners have noted with satisfaction the beneficial results of the License Law as amended at your last Session, and enforced since January 1st, 1892.

Your petitioners have seen with regret that an amendment to the License Law, whereby the saloons will be opened certain hours on the Sunday of each week, is to be brought before your honourable body.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your honourable body will not, during its present Session, pass any measure that will permit the re-opening of the saloons on the Sunday of each week.

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

R. S. Rendall,
Hector Dow,
Ewen Martin,
Tom W. Robertson,
Fred. Wright,
D. F. McLennan,
Isabella Pottinger,
J. M. Beatty,
Thomas Alexander,
M. D. Gleason,
M. M. Gleason,
Ann Rendall,
Clara E. Howell,

Wm. Denny,
M. E. Denny,
Edwin J. Morgan,
George Pottinger,
Thomas Main,
R. C. Russell,
Wm. H. Dempster,
John B. Lovell,
Margaret Lovell,
Jno. H. Kerr,
C. A. McGregor,
P. Flett,
and 1,487 others.

[A similar petition, also from Victoria, signed by 213 others.]

PETITION.

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

Whereas your Honourable Government was pleased, during your Session in 1891, to place upon the Statute books of this Province an Act providing for the closing of all liquor saloons on Sunday, or from the hour of eleven o'clock on Saturday night until six o'clock on Monday morning:

And whereas we believe the said Act to be well calculated to secure peace and quietude on the Lord's day, and tend to the best interests of your loyal subjects generally, said Act having received the approbation of the masses of the people all over the Province:

And whereas we understand that it is intended by some to introduce, or have introduced, at the present Session of the Legislature, an amendment to said Act, which amendment shall, if passed by your Honourable House, provide for the closing of saloons during church hours only on Sunday:

And whereas we believe that such an amendment would, if passed, so destroy the Act as to render it almost worthless and of no value, and be nothing more than a farce and menace to all lawful citizens who desire that the Lord's Day shall be kept in a good and becoming manner, and that the peace and quietude of that day should not be disturbed, as it would were the saloons allowed to be kept open:

Therefore resolved, that the undersigned executive officers of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, representing almost two thousand (2,000) law abiding citizens, do most respectfully and formally petition your Honourable Legislature to retain the Act upon our Statute book in its present form, and that no amendment such as is proposed be allowed to pass your Honourable House.

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

L.S.

ALFRED E. GREEN, G.C.T., MARG'T JENKINS, G.S.J.T., R. W. ALLISON, G.S., LEWIS HALL, G.T., B. A. RAYSON, G. CHAP., CORNELIUS BRYANT, G.C., C. S. KEITH, P.G.C.T.