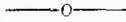


PETITION.



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.

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