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 petition of the undersigned humbly sheweth :---

That the Board of School Trustees of the City of Victoria have, to the detriment of Education, availed themselves of the authority contained in section 38 of the "School Act," which authorizes the Trustees to impose a tuition fee on scholars attending High Schools, and as the Boards of School Trustees of other cities do not avail themselves of the privileges conferred by the same section, the comparison shown is most disadvantageous to the City of Victoria.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to eliminate said section 38 from the "School Act," or to so hedge the said section about that the Trustees may not be able to impose a cruel disappointment upon the people by availing themselves of the authority contained in section 38 without first submitting their intention to the people for ratification.

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

NATHAN POINTER, JOHN MESTON, H. E. SHORE, B. H. WEST, and 368 others.

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