
PETITION.

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, residents of the City of Greenwood, in the District of Yale, Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

Whereas by the “Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act Amendment Act, 1899,” it is enacted that “No person shall be employed underground in any Metalliferous mine for more than eight hours in every twenty-four hours.”

And whereas we have learned that your Honourable House is to be asked during the present Session of the Legislature to amend the said Act and to repeal said restrictions of working hours in metalliferous mines.

And whereas, in the opinion of your petitioners, eight hours are sufficient for miners to work underground, on account as well of the artificial and bad air breathed while working underground, the dangerous nature of the calling, and the fact that a slight mishap of a miner working underground not only endangers his own life but also the lives of many others, as the fact that the work is of such an arduous nature under the conditions it is performed in that a man would do as much and as good work in eight hours as he would in a shift of a longer time.

We, therefore, your petitioners, desire to state that we consider that any such amendment is objectionable, inasmuch as it would tend greatly to increase the hardships of the calling of a miner and would not be in the interest of the said portion of the community or of the country as a whole.

We therefore humbly request your Honourable House to make no such amendment to the Metalliferous Mines Act and Amending Acts, and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

Greenwood, B. C., January 29th, 1900.

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