
PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

VICTORIA, B. C.,
February 13th, 1899.

The humble petition of the undersigned ratepayers of the City of Victoria sheweth:—

That whereas it appears by the press reports of the proceedings of the City Council of Victoria that certain amendments to the Municipal Charter will be asked for during the present Session of the Legislative Assembly, one of which is the words “except the City of Victoria” be struck from section 139:

And whereas it is explained that by striking out the words “excepting the City of Victoria” in clause 139 of the Municipal Clauses Act, the Council could impose taxation in addition to the present rate sufficient to meet the annual interest and sinking fund of the debt of the city:

And your petitioners enter their solemn protest against any amendment to the Municipal Charter that would enable the City Council to increase the rate of taxation on real estate without the consent of the ratepayers.

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

J. S. HELMCKEN,
ALEX. WILSON,
M. BAKER,
M. YOUNG,
and 142 others.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

Printed by RICHARD WOLFENDEN, Printer to the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.
1899.