
PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia.

We, the undersigned, adult residents of the Province of British Columbia, respectfully represent to your Honourable House :—

1st. That the Liquor Traffic, carried on as it is at present in this Province with comparatively few legal restrictions, is a source of unspeakable mischief and is a standing menace to the public welfare.

2nd. That a very large part of the mischief wrought arises from the sale of Intoxicating Liquors on the Lord's Day and during the hours of the night usually devoted to rest.

3rd. That legal restrictions imposed on the Liquor Traffic, in order to be effective, should be Provincial in character, inasmuch as it is very difficult to enforce restrictive enactments in one municipality or district, when similar enactments are not in force in neighbouring municipalities or districts.

Believing, therefore, that the closing of Saloons, Bars, Shops and other places where such liquors are sold would materially lessen the evils complained of, and be a great benefit to the community at large, we do hereby earnestly pray your Honourable House to enact such legislation as will secure the closing of such places throughout the Province from 7 p.m. on Saturday till 7 a.m. on Monday in each week, and from 11 p.m. till 7 a.m. during the rest of the week.

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

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Jane Mouat.

Joel Broadwell, J. P.

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Margaret Walter.

J. Malcolm.

Susan Malcolm.

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