

PETITION.

To His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and Honourable Members of the Government, and of the Legislature of British Columbia.

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned citizens of Okanagan Mission Valley, would most respectfully represent that a great injustice is being perpetrated upon the residents of this valley, generally, by the manner in which public land is disposed of at certain locations between Vernon and Mission Creek, and to the east of the Main Road. The effect of the policy pursued in the disposal of the land referred to is, that the purchasers securing a strip along the side or foot of the mountain range has the power, and is preparing to exercise it, to shut out all stock from the upper side of their secured property (not to be fenced), and thereby control the whole Government ranges for many miles.

Parties living in the valley have their stock turned out and kept from the public commons, and ill-feeling towards those who monopolize the ranges stated is likely to increase, while confidence is weakened in the Government.

Without an opportunity to pass to and from the mountain ranges, the sale of all pasture and other lands to the east of the aforesaid granted sales to only a few persons, will virtually be shut out of market, and thus entail heavy loss to the whole Province.

We earnestly desire that this complaint be taken into consideration without unnecessary delay, and thus prevent the injustice leading to serious consequences—that the Government alone has the power to prevent.

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