PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia.

The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Good Templars of British Columbia, representing fifteen hundred members (1,500), resident in British Columbia, respectfully represent to your Honourable House :—

1. 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 positive injury to the Province.

2. 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.

3. Believing, therefore, that the closing of saloons, bar-rooms, shops, and other places where such liquors are sold, would materially lesson the evils complained of and be a great benefit to the Province 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. Saturdays till 7 a.m. on Mondays, 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.

C. S. KEITH, *Grand Chief Templar.*
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