

and the Board of Police Commissioners flimflams the law and orders certificates to be given to prostitutes. Nelson enjoys distinction as being the chief commercial centre of the Kootenay country, but she is also distinguished as the chief station for the White Slave Traffic in this upper country.

Does this statement give offence to any well disposed citizen of this city? We submit these are incontrovertible facts of the case. Malfeasance in office, certificated vice, lawlessness, widespread disease, as actual facts existing in this city give no offence; the mention of them, that is an offence; lawlessness is no offence; to suggest the enforcement of law, that is an offence. Nelson, a White Slave Station, that gives no offence; to suggest and work for a break-up of this condition, that is an offence. We submit such a position cannot be maintained in the face of the facts.

As ministers we are amongst you with no selfish ends to serve, but with a desire to promote the good of all without selection or degree, and we submit that in appealing to you to smite this illegal vice we could do no other, believing as we do in the principle of salvation, for the achievement of which society exists.

