

come, do not truthfully and adequately represent the annual incomes of such members.

That your Petitioners forbear to call specific attention to the names of such as are in that Petition, but the honourable representatives of the County of Carleton and the City of Ottawa in your Legislative Body, as long residents of the City of Ottawa, are cognizant of the reputed standing and wealth of the various parties named, and your Petitioners are satisfied to refer to them and to their testimony for a simple expression of opinion as to whether the sums there set down represent, in their belief, the truthful incomes of the parties named.

That a leading firm in business, of high standing and repute in the commercial world of Ottawa, embracing, it is believed, four partners, is put down at the aggregate sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000), and

That another leading man of business, of equally high repute, is put down at the sum of six hundred dollars, and

That a leading firm of Barristers is put down for the two partners, at the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) which would give to each partner an

annual income of three hundred dollars (\$300), and

That another leading firm, in commercial business, is put down for self and partner at a similar sum of six hundred dollars (\$600).

Whilst seven members of the Board of Trade are not assessed for any income whatsoever, most, if not all of them, are assumed as amongst the wealthiest residents in the community.

Your Petitioners have referred to these two bodies, as being the Petitioners for the repeal of their exemption clause, but they would crave permission to refer to the Assessment Rolls of the City of Ottawa generally (a brief statement whereof is hereto annexed in Schedule "C,") to show the lamentably small sums at which the residents of Ottawa are assessed for annual incomes, which sums vary from one hundred (\$100) upwards, whereas your Petitioners cannot believe that, amongst the leading commercial men and other residents, such a state of destitution can possibly exist, as is shown by the statements of annual incomes, which, in accordance with the wording of the Act, can only have been obtained *after diligent inquiry*, or by a state-

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