with our might.

Of the twenty departments taken up by the provincial union in none has there been more progress than in that of legislation. Through the influence of strong temperance men, some of whom are our honorary members, an act was passed at the last session of Parliament, declaring that in municipalities where a hotel license is applied for, as well as soloons and grocery stores, a two-third's vote of householders, and their wives, as well as property owners in the vicinity, where the license is desired, is to be obtained in favor of the license, before it can be granted, also, that no application for a license when refused can be made again for twelve months. So that you will see it is exceedingly difficult to obtain a license.

At our last convention we resolved to memorialise the provincial government, asking that they prohibit the sale of cigarettes to minors, and that a penalty be attached to the smoking of the same. Our president and recording secretary, accordingly presented the memorial. With scarcely a dissenting voice, the following bill was prepared and carried.

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An act to prohibit the sale or gift of tobacco to miners in certain cases.

Her Majesty by, and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

- 1.—Any person who shall sell, give or cause to be sold or given any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco, snuff or any other form or preparation of tobacco or opium for smoking, to any person, having reasonable cause to believe such person to be under the age of fitteen years, shall on conviction thereof, upon information under oath, in a summary way, before any two Justices of the Peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars.
- 2.—Any person who shall accept any money or other valuable consideration to act as the agent of any person, under fifteen years of age, in procuring for such person any cigars, cigarettes, smoking or chewing tobacco or snuff, or any form or preparation of tobacco or opium, for smoking, or who shall supply to any person under fifteen years of age any such cigars, cigarettes or other form or preparation of tobacco, or opium for smoking, on the promise of any money or other valuable consideration, shall on conviction thereof, upon information under oath, in a summary way, before any two Justices of the Peace or a stipendiary magistrate, be liable to a fine not greater than the sum of twenty dollars.
- 3.—It shall not be lawful for any person under the age of fifteen years to use tobacco in any form, in any public street, road, highway or building, and any such person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable, upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace, to a fine not exceeding five dollars.

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