

(No. 60.)



1875.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

CALIFORNIAN THISTLE PREVENTION ACT:

PETITION FROM CLARENCE.

Presented by Mr. Lord, August 17; and ordered by the Council to be printed,
August 24, 1875.



To the Honorable the President and Members of the Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of Clarence, in Council assembled.

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

1. THAT an Act, 34 Vict. No. 5, to prevent the spread of the Californian Thistle, entitled "The Californian Thistle Prevention Act," was passed by your Honorable House on the 18th of October, 1870; and that a subsequent Act, 35 Vict. No. 15, to extend the operation of the said Act, was also passed on the 21st of December, 1871.

2. That your Petitioners are impressed with the urgent necessity for such Acts, and are fully sensible of the intentions of the Legislature in passing them; but find that, notwithstanding their existence, the spread of these noxious weeds—especially the Californian Thistle—is increasing to an alarming extent, not only to the injury of the lands on which they are permitted to seed, but also to that of the surrounding country, and is calculated to awaken the most serious anxiety as to the ultimate consequences.

3. That your Petitioners feel that there exists a repugnance on the part of private individuals to inform against those persons who neglect to comply with the provisions of the Acts, both from the odium that attaches to such proceedings, and the ill-will likely to be generated by it between neighbours; and thus in the absence of specially appointed persons for that purpose, for which no provision is made, the Acts become inoperative, and the evil remains unchecked.

4. That your Petitioners under these circumstances most respectfully and earnestly pray your Honorable House to take the premises into consideration, and make alterations in the Acts authorising the appointment of persons specially for the purpose of laying informations under the Thistle Acts when necessary, or adopting any other measures as in your wisdom you may deem fit to give practical efficiency to those Acts and prevent this growing evil.

R. STRACHAN, *Warden,*
On behalf of the Municipality of Clarence.
F. PEDDER, *Council Clerk,*
By order of the Municipal Council of Clarence.