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A Pathetic Case.

A pathetic side of the case is related in one instance where one of the most respected Chinese citizens of Victoria who has had his residence here for forty years, speaks English as well as any Englishman and has had his children attending the local schools finds himself in the position of having his children ousted from old associations.

According to the plans of the School Board all the Chinese pupils in the city will be accommodated in three rooms at the King's Road School, under Vice-Principal Captain Brown and in one room at the Rock Bay School under Miss Stubbs, in addition to which the School Board has recently added the extra accommodation at Railway Street Chinese School, which is now being prepared for occupancy.

The attitude of the Chinese residents in respect of the Board's segregation plan is set forth in the following petition which was forwarded recently to the Board on behalf of the Chinese Canadian Club, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association:

"We, the undersigned Chinese merchants and ratepayers of the city of Victoria, hereby protest the forthcoming action to be taken by the Board of School Trustees of the city of Victoria to segregate local Chinese students by means of a separate institution solely and exclusively for the Chinese.

"It would be an act of grave injustice to discriminate and segregate the Chinese for no reason and ground whatsoever other than for purely and simply a selfish motive on the part of a few Oriental agitators, who have not the purpose of maintaining good feeling and friendly relations, and who strive to engender a feeling of antagonism against the Chinese.

"We could readily agree on a mild form of separation, such as forbidding children of sixteen years and over from the junior grades, but to take steps to debar Chinese students of British birthright, irrespective of age, location of residence and class grade from the public schools cannot be tolerated.

"If the Board of School Trustees cannot suggest a remedy other than the adoption of a separate school for the Chinese then we are prepared to entertain justice elsewhere through the medium of the courts or whatever remedy we see fit in the face of such a predicament."