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# Petition Seeks Reversal Of Discharge Decision

Three hundred and seven people have signed a petition asking the provincial government to reconsider the Pollution Control Branch's refusal of a discharge permit for a mine near Jordan River.

Mrs. Louise Iverson, wife of a former employee at Sunro Mine, said Tuesday that about half the signatures are those of former Sunro employees, their wives and from companies that had been doing

business with the mine or would be if it went into production.

The Pollution Control Board will hear the appeal of Dison Development Ltd., the firm managing the mine, against the decision of the Pollution Control Branch at a hearing scheduled for June 29.

## NINE OBJECTORS

It will open at 10 a.m. in Room 104 of the provincial museum. Nine parties have qualified as objectors. Among those who earlier fought the application were Jordan River residents, conservationists and commercial fishermen.

The mine had proposed discharging up to a million gallons of mine tailings daily into Juan de Fuca Strait from a pipe just below low tide line.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Iverson said miners who had earlier claimed the area would lose \$6 million business annually through goods and services not purchased if the mine was blocked now agree that figure is inaccurate.

In general terms, they claim the loss would more likely be between \$3 million and \$4 million, she said.

# OLD WEST COAST SCHOOL TO CLOSE

TOFINO — Ceremonies this weekend will mark the closing of Christie Indian Residential School which since 1970 has served the educational needs of Indian children from Barkley Sound to Cape Scott.

Bishop Remi de Roo of Victoria will travel to the west coast to take part in the festivities.

The old school, located on Meares Island in Clayoquot Sound, about four miles from Tofino, this year had an enrolment of about 150 students.

Next fall, in accordance with the Indian Affairs Department policy of integration, they'll start attending public schools in Tofino.

Students who come from isolated parts of the west coast will be housed in a hostel now under construction.

the new school there were no pupils in sight. The priests had to canvass the coast on the steamer Willopa to find children willing to leave home to attend the school.

By the time enrolment had increased to 60 the school was taxed to capacity. Brabant travelled to Europe and managed to raise enough money to finance construction of an additional wing and buy musical instruments for a

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