

PERCENTAGE OF MINORS.

It thus appears, even from the face of the petition, that 23 PER CENT of the petitioners are minors.

There is strong reason to believe that a much larger number of the petitioners are minors, for reasons hereinafter stated.

REASONS FOR DISCREDITING THE PETITION.

The following facts, tending to discredit both the genuineness and the good faith of the petition, appear upon its face.

FIRST FACT TENDING TO DISCREDIT THE PETITION.

The certificate or summary accompanying the male petition states that the minors are all between 14 and 20 years of age.

The petition shows on its face that there are 350 male petitioners, and 327 female petitioners, or 677 in all, UNDER 14

YEARS OF AGE, *of whom 7 boys and 6 girls are only 2 years of age.*

The page ^{of the petition} and number of each male petitioner under 14 is

given in Table 1 hereto attached, and of each female petitioner in Table 2 hereto attached.

There is strong reason to believe that the number of minors under 14 is much greater than that given above, by reason of the fact that several hundred fraudulent changes in the ages of petitioners is apparent on the face of the petition, particulars of which are hereinafter given.

The number above enumerated is simply that appearing on the