

No. 9.
PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia :

The petition of the Lightning Creek Gold Gravels and Drainage Company, Limited Liability, respectfully sheweth :—

1. That your petitioners were incorporated on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1896, under the provisions of the "Companies Act, 1890," for the purpose of carrying on a general mining business, and particularly to engage in placer mining extensively on Lightning Creek, British Columbia.

2. That on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1896, an Act was passed by the Legislature of British Columbia conferring certain rights upon your petitioners, particularly as to consolidating its leaseholds and as to constructing a drain tunnel on Lightning Creek.

3. That the consolidated lease thereby authorised was duly issued by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and that your petitioners have been since extensively engaged in their mining project on Lightning Creek and are now actively engaged in further development work and have expended upwards of \$150,000 on their said enterprise.

4. That the construction of the said drain tunnel authorised by the said Act was commenced and actually constructed for a distance of about one mile, but that a thorough survey of Lightning Creek proved that its fall was so slight that said drain tunnel, to be successfully constructed, must be started at a point below the point authorised by said Act.

5. Thereupon your petitioners took up placer mining leases below the consolidated lease issued to them pursuant to said Act and began thereon active development work with a view to finding the depth of the bed-rock and, if possible, of locating the old channel on Lightning Creek.

6. That as soon as such development work is completed, it being at present actively pushed forward, your petitioners intend to commence the construction of said drain tunnel.

7. For the purpose of more economically and successfully constructing the same, your petitioners desire authority to commence such construction at a point below that authorised by said Act, and for the purpose of more economically handling the property of the Company, and for securing a more satisfactory title than the one your petitioners now have, your petitioners are desirous of having all their leaseholds and placer claims consolidated in one lease similar to the lease they now hold under said Act, but embracing their other holdings on Lightning Creek. Said holdings are all contiguous to their main consolidated lease.

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that your Honourable Body may pass an Act authorising the issue of such lease by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and amending the Act so passed as aforesaid so as to allow of the beginning of said drain tunnel at a point below the point authorised as the point of commencement in said Act.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated at Ashcroft, this 28th day of December, 1905.

THE LIGHTNING CREEK GOLD GRAVELS & DRAINAGE COMPANY, LIMITED LIABILITY

[L.S.]

per DENIS MURPHY,
Vice-President.

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