

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, now in Session, the humble petition of the undersigned sheweth :

1. That we, the undersigned, are the creditors, solicitors for creditors, or are otherwise interested in the affairs of the Kootenai Water Supply Company (Foreign), a company, which until September, 1896, operated certain placer claims at Seven-Mile Creek, on the Pend d'Oreille River, belonging to the Kootenai Hydraulic Mining Company.

2. That on the 25th August, 1896, the Company transferred their valuable plant, turbine wheels, flume, boarding-house, and other property to one George Archer, for the alleged consideration of one dollar, thereby preventing the creditors of the said Company collecting the debts justly due them, and early in September the said Company closed down their works, and refused to pay their men any wages, causing considerable anxiety, uncertainty and distress.

3. That an action is now pending to set aside the said Bill of Sale to George Archer, which was irregular, and which we believe was given for the purposes of delay to defraud creditors.

4. That we are informed that one William Archer is applying to the Legislative Assembly for a charter for a water power company, the works to be erected on the said Pend d'Oreille River, and we verily believe that he intends using the plant, machinery, and other property formerly belonging to the Kootenai Water Supply Company (Foreign), and transferred as alleged for the purposes of his new company.

5. That it was ordered by the Honourable the Supreme Court of British Columbia, that the defendants, the Kootenai Water Supply Company (Foreign), and each of them, their, and each of their agents and servants, be restrained until the trial of this action from selling, encumbering, or otherwise disposing of the property, or assets claimed by the Company, or by George Archer, by assignment from the defendant company.

6. That William deV. leMaistre was appointed Receiver to protect the interests of the creditors, but has been unable to enforce payment owing to the said Bill of Sale transferring all property of the Company to the said George Archer, and that an action is now pending in the Honourable the Supreme Court to set aside the said Bill of Sale.

7. That by granting a charter to the said William Archer and others, allowing them to use the plant and turbine wheels of the said Kootenai Water Supply Company (Foreign), your petitioners fear they will be deprived of their rights and hardly earned wages.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

W. DEV. LEMAISTRE, Trail, Receiver Kootenai Water Supply Company (Foreign).

THOS. WILSON, judgment, \$260.99.

C. M. WILSON, judgment, \$417.33.

C. R. TURNER, \$195.40, claim in suit.

F. Embree, by his Solicitor, W. deV. leMaistre, has judgment for \$136.59.

George Taylor has judgment for \$192.54, by W. deV. leMaistre, his Solicitor.

C. F. Hoffman, has judgment for \$78.00, by W. deV. leMaistre, his Solicitor.

(W. Hoar, A. Kundson, W. H. Brewster, W. F. Lufkins, George Troyer, have claims against the Company.)

Traders' National Bank and McBroom, have claim for \$4,600.00, for which judgment obtained unless security forthcoming, Charles R. Hamilton, Solicitor for plaintiffs, by his authorised agent, W. deV. leMaistre.