PETITION.

To the Honourable the Lieutenant-Governor, and to the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The petition of the undersigned business and professional men, humbly sheweth:-

- 1. That the prosperity which has hitherto attended all business and professional men in the Kootenay District has been due to the cordial relations which have heretofore, and which are at the present time existing between Labour and Capital.
- 2. That many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been invested in real estate and buildings in this District for the suitable prosecution of trade and business.
- 3. That since the adoption of the eight-hour law the population of the mining communities has greatly increased and is directly traceable to the adoption of such law, and that great good has been the direct result of such increase to your petitioners.
- 4. That the future destiny and prosperity of the country depends on the permanency of cordial relations between Labour and Capital.
- 5. That we believe a great depreciation in the value of property and business interests will follow any repeal of the eight-hour law, and that there is reason to believe the peace of the community and all commercial and property interests and credits would suffer by a repeal of said law.
- 6. That the greatest good to the greatest number will result from a continuance of the eight-hour law.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that no change be made in the present law which might operate as a repeal of the same.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Daniels & Chambers, F. E. Empey, T. R. Morrow, Crescent D. G. Co., Ltd., O. M. Fox & Co., and 144 others.