PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled.

The humble petition of the "Daily and Weekly News-Advertiser" and of Francis C. Cotton, sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company, to be called "The News-Advertiser," for the following purposes :----

To own, print, publish and carry on, buy and sell newspapers, periodicals and books; to establish agencies for the sale, purchase and distribution, whether by wholesale or retail, of newspapers, periodicals and books in British Columbia and elsewhere:

Also to enter into any contracts with railway or steamboat companies for the establishing and carrying on a newspaper agency business, and the sale of papers, books and periodicals, on the Company's premises and boats or elsewhere; to contract for and act as advertising agents; to carry on the business and enter into contracts with Governments, Individuals or Companies for the business of printers, lithographers, stationers, engravers, book-binders and dealers in paper and stock, printers' materials and supplies.

To carry on the business of publishers and printers, and enter into all necessary contracts incidental thereto.

To buy, sell, lease and own real estate in British Columbia in connection with and that may be necessary for the carrying out of the above purposes, and of any agencies connected therewith; to enter into any contracts and engagements for the establishment of agencies of the printing and publishing business; to acquire by purchase or otherwise any interest, shares or stock in any firm or company that may be necessary for the carrying on of any of the above objects, and to sell and dispose of the same, and to undertake news-agencies and book-agencies and to conduct the above trades and business and to do all such acts and things as may be deemed expedient and proper for the attainment of any of the above objects.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating "The News-Advertiser," conferring upon the said Company the powers above set forth or referred to.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray etc., etc.,

THE DAILY AND WEEKLY NEWS-ADVERTISER. FRANCIS C. COTTON.