## No. 12.

## 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 petition of the undersigned humbly showeth:-

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated into a Company for the purpose of constructing a line of railway, of the gauge and method of construction to be approved of by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, from Nasoga Gulf, or some other convenient point at or near the mouth of the Naas River, in British Columbia, by way of the Naas and Skeena Rivers to Dease Lake, and thence by way of Dease River to the northern boundary of British Columbia, and from Dease Lake to Telegraph Creek or Glenora; also from Dease Lake, or some convenient point between Dease Lake and Nasoga Gulf, to the eastern boundary of the Province of British Columbia, and from the most convenient point between Dease Lake and Glenora to Atlin City, with power to connect with or make traffic arrangements with other railways; and also to operate telegraph and telephone lines and steamships and carry on any other lines of business which may promote the undertaking of the Company.

And whereas the proposed railway will be for the general advantage of the Province of British Columbia, and will open a large extent of country at present without facilities of communication; therefore, your petitioners pray that a bill intituled "An Act to Incorporate the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Company," may pass and become law.

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

R. L. PATTERSON, J. W. HASKINS, JAMES FINMORE, CHARLES H. LUGRIN.

Victoria, B. C., April 7th, 1903.