

No. A3.

## 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 Edward Gibson Tilton, Engineer, and Duncan Edward Campbell, sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of presenting a petition for leave to introduce a Bill to incorporate a Company for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a line of railway, with telegraph and telephone lines, from the City of Victoria to a point on the Eastern boundary of the Province, with branch lines of any length from any point or points on the main line to any mining camps or to any coastal points, together with all necessary or incidental powers usual under the "Railway Act."

Your petitioners duly caused a copy of such Bill, together with a copy of the said petition for leave to introduce said Bill, and the fees—namely, three hundred dollars—to be deposited with the Clerk of the House on December 26th, 1899.

That owing to a misapprehension of the date or last day for receiving petitions for Private Bills, and for no other cause or reason, said petition was not presented on or before such last day.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to graciously grant to your petitioners leave to present the said petition.

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

Dated this 18th day of January, A. D. 1900.

EDWARD G. TILTON.

D. E. CAMPBELL.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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