No. 9.

PETITION.

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 sheweth :---

1. That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company, with power to construct, equip, maintain, and operate a line of railway of standard or other gauge, with any kind of motive power, from a point at or near the mouth of Adams River, on Vancouver Island; thence south-westerly, by the most feasible route, to the valley of the Kla-anch River; thence south-easterly, by the most feasible route, to a point at or near the mouth of Gold River, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island; and from a point on the said line of railway at or near Davie River, by the most feasible route, to a point at or near Hecate Channel, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island; with power to construct, operate, and maintain branch lines to any point within twenty (20) miles of the said railway. And further, to build, construct, equip, maintain, and operate telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and its branches. And also to construct, operate and maintain all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries, and other works, including wharves and docks, in connection therewith; and to own and maintain ships, steamers, barges and other boats and vessels, and to operate the same; and to acquire water rights, and to construct dams and flumes for improving and increasing any water rights or water privileges acquired. Also to build, own and maintain sawmills and booms and all other usual and incidental powers, rights and privileges.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your honourable body may be pleased to pass an Act according to your petitioners' above-mentioned prayer.

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

Dated at Vancouver, B.C., this 14th day of March, A.D. 1903.

CLAUDE ELLIOTT. HUGH MCLEAN. JAS. R. WEBSTER.

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