## PETITION.

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

The petition of F. E. Ward, of the Town of Rossland, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioner is desirous of incorporating a company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a railway from a point at or near the mouth of Trail Creek, on the Columbia River, extending through or near the Towns of Rossland and Midway, to a point on the Okanagan Lake at or near the Town of Pentincton, in the Districts of West Kootenay and Osoyoos, British Columbia, with powers to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch lines therefrom to all mines lying in the vicinity thereof; and also to construct, equip, maintain and operate telegraph and telephone lines, and to build wharves and docks in connection therewith; together with powers of acquiring lands, privileges, bonuses, or other aids from any government, municipal corporation or other persons or bodies, and to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Your petitioner, therefore, prays that Your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act to carry out the above objects.

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

Dated January 29th, 1896.

F. E. WARD.