PETITION.

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The Honourable the Legislature of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

The petition of the Kootenay Power Company humbly sheweth :---

1. That your petitioners, a Company duly incorporated under Part 1 of the "Companies Act," obtained in 1892 from the Legislature of this Province an Act authorising them to construct, maintain and operate electric power system, and also a tramway system within a certain radius in the vicinity of Nelson, British Columbia.

2. That by the said Act it was provided that your petitioners should commence within the period of twenty months of the passage of the said Act the construction of the said electric works, otherwise the power conferred by the said Act should cease.

3. That your petitioners were unable to commence the electric works within the said period.

4. That your petitioners believe that they are now in a position to proceed with the said works contemplated by the said Act, and are desirous of having the time for the commencement of the said works extended.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act—

- (a.) Extending the time for the commencement and completion of the works contemplated by the said Act:
- (b.) Confirming and ratifying to your petitioners the powers conferred by the said Act:
- (c.) And authorising your petitioners to construct and operate tramways, for freight and passenger traffic, from Nelson, B. C., to any point or points within a radius of twentyfive miles thereof, and to take and use from the Kootenay River, in the vicinity of the falls of the said river, water and power for generating electricity, with right to erect and make all necessary buildings, posts, flumes and contrivances for using water power, generating and transmitting electricity to any points within the said radius.

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

Dated the 17th day of February, 1897.

Witness the seal of the said Company, affixed in the presence of,

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A. S. INNES, Secretary.

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