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

Whereas the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway charter expired on the first day of April of the current year, and it is believed that the former holders thereof are about to apply for another extension of time : and

Whereas the original charter was granted in May, 1898, and a Provincial subsidy was paid towards construction of said road : and

Whereas the holders of said charter did not set about the construction of the railway during the original term, but at its expiration were granted an extension of three years, during which period they completed but thirty-two miles : and

Whereas further development of the valuable mineral resources of the section of country tributary to proposed line has been seriously interfered with by the procrastinating policy of the former holders of said charter and by the lack of adequate transportation facilities : and

Whereas the continuance of said charter has the effect of preventing others than the holders thereof from the construction of a railroad through the territory in question : and

Whereas during certain winter months communication with outside points from the Mining Divisions of Trout Lake, Lardeau, is practically cut off by reason of the closing of navigation on North-east Arm of Arrow Lake and Trout Lake :

Therefore, we, the undersigned residents of the Trout Lake, Lardeau and Revelstoke Mining Divisions—territory directly tributary to the proposed line of railway,—humbly petition that no new charter be granted, either to the former holders or to other applicants, unless containing a provision that the construction of said railway be completed within twelve months from the granting thereof.

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

THOS. R. DAVEY,  
F. J. BOURNE,  
J. McLELLAN,  
H. S. WALLACE,  
and 281 others.