## No. 11.

## PETITION.

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

The humble petition of the undersigned, Ernest Victor Bodwell, of Victoria, British Columbia, Barrister-at-Law; James Hill Lawson, Junior, of Victoria, British Columbia, Barrister-at-Law; and Henry Graham Lawson, of Victoria, British Columbia, Barrister-at-Law, sheweth:—

- 1. That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a company to be called the "Goat River Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard or narrow gauge, to be operated by steam or electricity, within a radius of ten miles of Goat River Canyon, in the District of Kootenay, for the development and economic operation and marketing of agricultural and other products of the said area, and the carrying of passengers and freight from place to place therein, and to connect with the line of railway from Creston to Kootenay Landing, operated by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, with power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public; with power to own, use and operate water-powers convenient to the road for railway, agricultural and irrigation purposes; and with power to supply electric light, heat and power to the residents of the said area; and with power to construct and operate electric and other works, canneries, saw-mills and other industries; and with power to exercise such powers as are granted by the Water Clauses Consolidation Act and Amendments, the Land Clauses Consolidation Act and Amendments, and the British Columbia Railway Act, and the Companies Clauses Act; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation or persons grants of lands, rightsof-way, money bonuses, privileges, or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking; and to connect and enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat, electric, water or other companies for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.
- 2. That it is in the interest of the public that the resources of the said area should be developed by a company with powers as aforesaid.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act incorporating them under the name aforesaid, with the powers and for the purposes above-mentioned; and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1908.

E. V. Bodwell.

James Hill Lawson, Jr.

Henry Graham Lawson.