## No. 23C.

## PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:

The petition of John Herbert Hoare, of the City of Vancouver, mining broker; Lewis Lukes, of the City of Montreal, contractor; and Edward Pease Davis, of the City of Vancouver, barrister-at-law, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of having passed an Act of your Honourable House, incorporating a railway company to be known as the "Yukon Railway and Navigation Company," with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway, from some point on or near Douglas Channel to some point on or near the south end of Teslin Lake, and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith; with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines to Portland Canal or Observatory Inlet, and any other branch lines, and all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to enact accordingly.

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

Dated at the City of Victoria, this 2nd day of March, A. D. 1898.

J. H. HOARE. LEWIS LUKES. E. P. DAVIS.