PETITION.

To the Honouruble the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:

The petition of the undersigned residents of Rossland, in the District of Kootenay, respectfully sheweth:—

That Rossland is fast springing into importance as a commercial and mining centre, having grown from a struggling village in the early part of the year A.D. 1895, to a flourishing town of upwards of three thousand inhabitants at the present time:

That your petitioners and other residents of said Rossland Mining Camp are desirous of incorporating the same as a city under the provisions of the "Municipalities Act":

That under the said Act as it now stands the said City of Rossland could not become incorporated before the first of January, A.D. 1897:

That your petitioners are desirous of having the said Act amended so as to allow Rossland and other places in this district, fast growing into importance, to incorporate with much less delay than under such Acts.

Your petitioners therefore pray-

1. That such amendments may be made to the said Act as will enable your petitioners and others to incorporate as a city by giving three months, or such other reasonable notice as to your Honourable Body shall seem meet.

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

W. M. Newton,

Chairman,

Edward Bohes,

Chris. McDowell,

Jno. S. Clute, Jr.,

C. O'Brien Reddin,

Secretary,

Rossland Ratepayers' Association.

and 168 others.

Rossland, B. C., 24th February, 1896.