

PETITION.

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

The petition of the inhabitants of the City of Kaslo and surrounding district, humbly sheweth :

1. That whereas notice has been given for certain parties of their purpose to introduce a Bill into the Legislative Assembly applying for an Act to incorporate a company for the purpose of generating electricity for the supply of light, power and heat to the inhabitants of the said City of Kaslo, and to mines, towns and residents within a radius of thirty miles from the said City, and to take and divert, at any point or points on Kaslo River, its tributaries and branches, so much of the water of the same as may be necessary to generate electricity for the above purposes ; and to construct and maintain all necessary works, buildings, pipes, poles, wires, or appliances and conveniences necessary or proper for generating electricity, and for conveying and supplying electricity, and for conveying and supplying the same to consumers, and to construct, maintain and operate a telephone system within the said radius, and for all such rights, powers and privileges as may be necessary for carrying out the objects aforesaid.

2. That the granting of the power to take and divert at any point or points on the Kaslo River, its tributaries and branches, so much of the waters of the same, would, in the opinion of your petitioners, greatly impede the progress of the said City of Kaslo and the surrounding district, be detrimental to the mining interests of the district, and create great inconvenience to the inhabitants thereof and subject them to the injustice of a monopoly.

3. That at the present time the City of Kaslo has an electric light and telephone system.

4. That the electric light system now in operation in the City of Kaslo is owned and operated by the parties applying for incorporation of the said Company, and the Council of the said City of Kaslo have passed a By-Law granting a franchise to the said parties.

5. That the said By-Law has not been submitted to the ratepayers of the said City for ratification.

6. That the powers for which the proposed Company are applying are so extensive as, if granted, to be a serious danger as well as injustice to the District.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will refuse to sanction the passage of the Bill for the incorporation of the said Company.

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

Dated at Kaslo, this eighteenth day of March, A.D. 1897.

GEO. A. MORPHY,
T. E. DEVLIN,
N. MURCHISON,

And 230 others.

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