

PETITION.

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

GENTLEMEN,—The petition of your memorialists, the residents of the Fort Steele Mining Division, in mass meeting assembled, humbly and respectfully showeth as follows:—

Whereas it is in the interests of the Fort Steele Mining Division that immediate steps be taken towards the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, in order that the great mineral resources of this portion of British Columbia may be fully developed:

And whereas the British Columbia Government has been called upon for assistance, in the shape of a land subsidy towards construction of said railroad:

Therefore your memorialists respectfully and humbly pray that the Government of British Columbia, in granting land concessions to any company constructing said railroad, should reserve every alternate section for acquisition by the people under the land and mineral laws of the Province, and take such steps as shall make the construction of the Crow's Nest Pass Railroad dependent upon the retention of those coal deposits (which are at present under the control of the Government) from all monopoly, thus securing for the people of the North-West and British Columbia cheap fuel supplies, and aiding in the development of the mineral resources of this section of British Columbia.

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

N. A. WALLINGER,
Secretary to Meeting.