## PETITION.

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The petition of J. A. Sayward and others humbly sheweth :---

1. That your petitioners are lumber dealers, merchants and contractors carrying on business within the said Province of British Columbia.

2. That your petitioners in the course of business supply material for the erection of buildings, and otherwise in improving property, and to a large extent are dealing with the person engaged in the erection of the buildings, and not with the owners.

3. That your petitioners have now no remedy under the "Mechanics' Lien Act" for the recovery of the price of materials supplied, although the material has been used in increasing the value of the property.

4. That ample protection could be given your petitioners by the passing of an Act allowing a lien for material supplied for the erection of buildings, and by a provision that the owners would not be liable for more than the value of the improvements, they would not be in any way damnified, and labour could be protected by giving it the first lien.

Your petitioners would therefore pray :---

1. That the present Mechanics' Lien Act be amended so as to give a lien for material on the property improved for the value of the improvements.

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[A similar petition received from Revelstoke, signed by GEO. H. MORKILL and 3 others.] [A similar petition received from Vernon, signed by SMITH & McLEOD and 8 others.] [A similar petition received from Vancouver, signed by J. G. Scott and 9 others.]

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