PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :

The humble petition of James Arthur Gilker, of the Town of Nelson, merchant; John Fred. Hume, of the same place, merchant; Charles H. Ink, of the same place, printer; William Franklin Teetzel, of the same place, druggist; Michael Daniel Mahoney, of the same place, hotel-keeper; William John Wilson, of the same place, butcher; Frank Stillman Barnard, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, sheweth as follows:---

Whereas it is in the interest of the public that a system of water works should be constructed, operated and maintained, in and about the present Town of Nelson and its vicinity:

And whereas your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia as a joint stock company, under the name of the "Consumers' Water Works Company, Limited," for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining a system of water works in and about the said town and its vicinity, and of being authorized to take so much of the waters of East Fork of Cottonwood-Smith Creek, Cottonwood-Smith Creek, Ward Creek, or of their branches, as may be necessary for the supply of the said system, with power also to your petitioners to build flumes and acqueducts, lay pipes, and erect dams through, along, over, and under the streets and highways of the said town and its vicinity, as may be necessary :

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned.

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

Dated at Nelson this 16th day of December, 1891.

[L.S.]

Made, sidgned, and acknowledged in my presence, as to.....

> W. GESNER ALLAN, Notary Public.

JAMES ARTHUR GILKER, JOHN FRED. HUME, CHARLES H. INK, WILLIAM FRANKLIN TEETZEL, MICHAEL DANIEL MAHONEY, WILLIAM JOHN WILSON, F. S. BARNARD.

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