

No. 7 A.

PETITION.

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

Regarding a Bill going through the House, or in Committee, from the North Kootenay Power and Light Company, the Trout Lake Trades Committee hereby humbly petition your Honourable Body to look well into the charter of the said Company as applied for by them.

The enclosed marked advertisement is, in our opinion, part of the charter they are applying for, but does not appear therein, and in the opinion of this Committee the said Company is seeking for a monopoly of all waters within a radius of ten miles from Ferguson, and which also includes the Town of Trout Lake and three large creeks in close vicinity thereto.

We do not find exception to their advertisement till the thirty-seventh line, where they apply for "any other creek, lake, or stream in the said radius," and which in our opinion ought not to be granted, for the reason that if a railroad may want water, a mining, smelting or concentrating company, a saw-mill or any other company wanting any kind of a water power within the radius of a circle 20 miles in diameter, that they should not have to apply or buy their water from said Company, but that the said waters be kept for the public good and public revenue, and not tied up in the hands of one company.

And we are convinced that such powers ought not to be given to any single company, and that they should apply for so many inches and otherwise comply with the requirements of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act.

The Trades Committee humbly request that this matter be placed before the Private Bills Committee when the Bill comes up for consideration by them.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Dated at Trout Lake City, B. C., February 12th, 1900.

J. H. CURRIE,
Chairman.

J. O. PIPER,
Secretary.

On behalf of the Trout Lake Trades Committee