PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled.

The petition of Harry Abbott, John Milne Browning, William Ferriman Salsbury, humbly sheweth:---

That your petitioners believe it desirable that a Railway should be constructed and operated from the outlet of Kootenay Lake through the Selkirk Range of Mountains to a point on the Columbia River as near as practicable to the junction of the Kootenay with the Columbia River in British Columbia; and that a line of steamers be built, equipped, maintained and operated from that point on the Kootenay River where the southern boundary line of British Columbia intersects said river; thence down said river to Kootenay Lake, and through and throughout the said lake and its navigable tributaries and upon the Columbia River, where the Columbia and Kootenay Railway terminates, to Revelstoke.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased during the present Session to pass an Act to authorize the construction and operation of said railway and said line of steamers by your petitioners, as a Company, to be known as "The Columbia and Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company."

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

Н. Аввотт.

J. M. Browning.

W. F. Salsbury.