

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia.

This petition of the undersigned householders and residents of the Town of Nelson humbly sheweth that :

1. Whereas several notices appear in the British Columbia Gazette of application to be made to your Honourable House during the approaching Session for permission to take water from creeks within the limits of the Town of Nelson, or in its immediate vicinity, both for distribution in the town for domestic uses, and for the generation of electric power to be used for lighting purposes :

2. Whereas several similar applications made last year for water rights from these creeks were opposed by the citizens of Nelson and refused by your Honourable House, on the grounds that in the public interest these water rights should be retained by the Government in trust for the people of Nelson, until such time as Nelson should become an incorporated town :

3. Whereas your petitioners believe that within one year there will be sufficient population in Nelson to warrant its citizens in making application for an Act of Incorporation :

4. Whereas your petitioners are of opinion that the water and light supply of the town would be more equitably and economically established and managed by the town in its corporate capacity than by companies or individuals who might obtain monopolistic powers :

5. And whereas your petitioners are of opinion that operations in connection with mining upon Toad Mountain will unavoidably pollute Cottonwood Smith Creek and render it unfit for domestic uses, and, therefore, that the water of this creek should be reserved as water power for reduction works, when such shall be required :

Your petitioners would humbly pray that all such applications made this year should be refused, and the full control of all the water in creeks in and about Nelson be retained in the hands of the Government.

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

CHAS. E. TAYLOR,

R. E. LEMON,

H. DUHAMEL,

J. DUHAMEL,

and 49 others.

VICTORIA, B. C. :

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