## No. 8. PETITION.

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled:

The humble petition of the undersigned, John B. Ferguson, John Harold Senkler and Edgar Bloomfield, of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of obtaining an Act of Incorporation to build, equip' maintain and operate a line or lines of railway of standard gauge from a point on the International Boundary Line between British Columbia and the United States in East Kootenay, where the said boundary is intersected by the Flathead River; thence northerly by the most feasible and practicable route, following the Flathead River and to the boundary between British Columbia and the Province of Alberta, where the said boundary is intersected by the North Kootenay Pass.

With power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from any point of the proposed line or lines, not exceeding in any one case fifty miles in length; and with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to acquire, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and to operate the same in navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of the said railway and its branches, or in connection therewith; and to transmit messages for commercial purposes and to collect tolls therefor; and with power to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation or persons grants of land, rights-of-way, money bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, with power to use, own and operate water-power convenient to the road for railway or other purposes, and to exercise such powers as are granted by Parts IV. and V. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act," and to connect and enter into traffic or other arrangements with railways, steamboat and other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the above-said purposes.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that they may be incorporated into a Company for the aforesaid purposes, with such powers, rights and privileges as your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to grant.

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

Dated at the City of Vancouver, B. C., the 11th day of January, A. D. 1909.

J. B. Ferguson, John Harold Senkler, Edgar Bloomfield.