

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 Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited," a body corporate, and having its head office at 1 and 2, Great Winchester Street, in the City of London, England, and carrying on business in the Province of British Columbia, with offices at the City of Vancouver, in the said Province, humbly sheweth:—

1. That your petitioner is a Company incorporated in England under the Companies Acts, 1862 to 1890 (Imperial).

2. That by an Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, No. 38 of B. C. Statutes, 1896, intituled "The Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896," your petitioning Company was empowered to carry on in the Province of British Columbia under its corporate name a business having for its objects those mentioned in the Memorandum of Association, as set forth in Schedule "A" to the said Act, and to exercise all such powers and to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the same objects, or any of them, subject to the laws of the Province of British Columbia and the said Memorandum of Association was thereby confirmed.

3. That by the sixth section of the said Act the Articles of Association of your petitioning Company, as the same are set forth in Schedule "B" of the said Act, were also confirmed.

4. That the Articles of Association necessarily relate only to the internal management of and confer no powers on your petitioning Company, and according to the laws in force in England such Articles can be varied and altered from time to time by special resolution passed by the necessary statutory majority of shareholders.

5. That it is in the interest of your petitioning Company and its shareholders desirable that the power to vary and amend the Articles of Association by the necessary statutory majority, as may from time to time appear expedient, should be retained.

6. That doubts have arisen as to whether the effect of the said Act of British Columbia, and particularly of the sixth section thereof, has not been to render any amendment of the Articles of Association impossible.

7. That your petitioning Company is desirous that the last-mentioned Act may be amended by giving power to your petitioning Company to amend its Articles of Association from time to time as your petitioning Company may deem necessary.

Wherefore your petitioning Company humbly prays that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act to amend the said "The Lillooet, Fraser River and Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, Act, 1896," by giving power to your petitioning Company to amend its Articles of Association from time to time as may be deemed necessary.

And as in duty bound your petitioning Company will ever pray, &c., &c.

Dated this twenty-ninth day of January, A.D. 1897.

THE LILLOOET, FRASER RIVER AND CARIBOO GOLD FIELDS, LIMITED.

R. M. HORNE-PAYNE, *Chairman.*

EDGAR A. BENNETT, *Secretary.*