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*To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia in Parliament assembled.*

The humble petition of Edward G. Prior, of Victoria, merchant, Frank S. Barnard, of Victoria, M.P., David Oppenheimer, of Vancouver, merchant, John A. Mara, of Kamloops, merchant, and Henry S. Mason, of Victoria, solicitor, all of the Province of British Columbia, sheweth :—

That your petitioners are desirous of forming and incorporating a Company for the purpose of constructing and operating a Railway from Sproat's Landing, in the West Division of Kootenay District, *via* the Columbia River and Lower Arrow Lake through Fire Valley and Cherry Creek, to a convenient point at or near Vernon in Osoyoos Division of Yale District ; together with the usual powers to build the said Railway and own and use the same for the purpose of carrying passengers and goods and merchandise, and to fix and levy tolls and rates for carrying the same, and to make by-laws for the regulation of such tolls and traffic and working the said Railway ;

And to obtain grants of land in aid thereof, and to acquire lands and other bonuses or aids from the Dominion Government and the Government of British Columbia, and to obtain lands by compulsory purchase or otherwise for the construction and use of the said Railway ;

Also power to raise money for the above purposes by the issuing of shares, mortgages, debentures and preference shares ;

Also the usual power to construct, maintain and use the said Railway ;

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Also power to make traffic and other arrangements with railway and other companies ;

And for all other usual and necessary powers, rights and privileges ;

Your petitioners humbly submit that such Railway when constructed will be a public benefit. ~

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating "The Okanagan and Kootenay Railway Company," conferring upon the said Company the powers above set forth or referred to.

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

Dated this 17th day of February, 1890.

D. OPPENHEIMER.

FRANK S. BARNARD,

(By his attorney in fact, G. H. Barnard).

EDWD. G. PRIOR,

(By his attorney, Geo. W. Wynne.)

HENRY S. MASON.