

No. 12C.

PETITION.

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*To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia,
in Parliament assembled :*

The petition of John Matthew Lefevre, Robert Kerr Houlgate, and William Farrell, humbly sheweth :—

1. That your petitioners are shareholders in the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, which Company, under the authority of Acts of the Legislature of British Columbia, having constructed telephone lines in different parts of the said Province, are operating such lines.

2. That a petition has been presented to your Honourable House by William B. Davey and others, requesting (among other things) the incorporation of a company to be called "The Western Telephone and Telegraph Company," with power to build and operate telephone and telegraph lines within and throughout the Mainland of the Province of British Columbia.

3. That the granting of such powers would operate unfairly against your petitioners and would be opposed to the public interest.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that the powers asked for by the said William B. Davey and others, by their said petition, be not granted.

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

Dated this 30th day of July, A.D. 1900.

J. M. LEFEVRE.
R. KERR HOULGATE.
W. FARRELL.

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