PETITION.

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

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The humble petition of William Cowan, Charles Holten, and Thomas Downs, all of the Town of Revelstoke, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth:—

That the Towns of Revelstoke, Trout Lake City and Illecillewaet, and the districts around and between the said towns, are fast springing into importance as a mining district, and better means of communication between the said places, and throughout the districts around, is a need which cannot much longer be overlooked.

That your petitioners are desirous of erecting and maintaining poles and stretching wires thereon, and operating telephone systems within and between the said towns, and throughout the districts around and between the said towns which are contributory thereto, and throughout the Big Bend district to the north of Revelstoke.

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a Company under the name of the "Revelstoke, Trout Lake and Big Bend Telephone Company, Limited," for the purpose of carrying out the objects above mentioned, with all such powers, rights and privileges as may be necessary or conducive to the attainment of the above objects, or any of them.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act incorporating your petitioners with the powers above mentioned.

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

Dated at Revelstoke, B. C., this 3rd of February, 1897.

W. Cowan, Chas. Holten, T. Downs.