PETITION.

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

The petition of John Andrew Mara, of the City of Kamloops, in the District of Yale, in the Province of British Columbia, gentleman; Cecil Walford Ward, of the same place, barrister-at-law; and Steve O'Brien, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, wine merchant, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company, to be known as the Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," for the purpose of establishing waterworks, and of generating electricity and of supplying the same to the persons and within the district hereinafter mentioned, for electric lighting, motive power, telegraph, telephone, and other works, and of supplying water to consumers, as a motive power for hauling, pumping, lighting, smelting, and drilling, and for domestic, mining, manufacturing, and any other purposes for which it may be applied or acquired, to the miners, smelters, operators of tramways, and inhabitants of the townsite of Grand Forks, and of a strip of territory six miles in width, on either side of the North Fork of Kettle River, and extending for 25 miles from and above the said townsite of Grand Forks along the line of the North Fork of Kettle River, and of constructing, equipping, operating, and maintaining electric, cable, or other tramways in the district above mentioned; and of constructing, maintaining, and operating a telephone system in the said district; and of constructing, erecting, laying, and maintaining buildings, erections, dams, ditches, flumes, race-ways, mills, manufactories, pipes, poles, wires, and all other appliances and conveniences necessary or proper for all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

And your petitioners also desire power to enter and expropriate land for fully and effectively carrying out the said purposes.

The water to be obtained from the North Fork of Kettle River and Manly Creek, at points above the townsite of Grand Forks, Osoyoos Division of East Yale District.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable House will be pleased at the present Session to pass an Act incorporating the said Company with the powers and for the purposes aforesaid.

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

Dated at Victoria, this 18th day of February, 1897.

J. A. Mara, per pro Cecil W. Ward, CECIL W. WARD, S. O'BRIEN.