PETITION.

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

The petition of the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Kaslo humbly sheweth :---

That this Municipal Council regard with apprehension the clause of the "Assessment Act Amendment Act, 1896," which imposes a tax of two (2 %) per cent. upon the gross values of metalliferous ores produced in the Province.

The mining industry is at present hampered by many drawbacks incident to its infantile condition, and even a small additional burden will have a discouraging effect.

The Council believe that the operation of the clause, should it become law, will be to greatly retard the development of the mines in the Districts tributary to Kaslo, and thereby the prospects of the City will be injured.

The Council, therefore, respectfully request your honourable body to amend this Bill by striking out this clause.

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

Signed on behalf of the Council.

G. O. BUCHANAN, Acting Mayor.

Kaslo, B. C., February 28th, 1896.

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