No. 52.

PETITION.

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

The petition of the undersigned, Robert Irving, Railroad Manager; A. Whealler, Barrister-at-law, and W. N. Brayton, Agent, all of the City of Kaslo, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly showeth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated into a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway, of standard or any other gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other motive power, for the carrying of freight and passengers from a point on or near Crawford Bay, on Kootenay Lake, in the District of West Kootenay, by the most convenient and feasible route through the valley of Crawford Creek and the valley of the St. Mary's River, to a point at or near Fort Steele, in the District of East Kootenay, in the Province of British Columbia; and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith; with power to construct, operate and maintain branch lines and all necessary bridges, roads, ways, ferries and other works; and to build, own, and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, acquire, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches; and to generate electricity for supply of heat, light and power, and for all and every other purpose mentioned in sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and to do everything necessary and incidental to the carrying out of all or any of the objects referred to in said sections; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company; and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, tramways, ferries, wharves and vessels owned or operated by the Company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies; and for all other usual, necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act incorporating a company with the powers and for the purposes above mentioned.

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

ROBT. IRVING, A. WHEALLER, W. N. BRAYTON.