No. 4.

PETITION.

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

The humble petition of John Hendry, of the City of Vancouver, Lumber Merchant, and

Richard Henry Alexander, of the same place, Lumber Merchant, sheweth:

That your petitioners are desirous of having passed an Act of your Honourable House incorporating a Company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway of standard or any other gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity or any other motive power, from a point on Johnston Strait, Vancouver Island, a short distance west of Chatham Point; thence in a southerly direction by the most feasible route, to a point on or near Upper Campbell Lake on the said Island, and a further line of railway from a point on said Johnston Strait a short distance east of Bear River; thence in a southerly direction by the most feasible route, to a point on or near the north end of Bear Lake, and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain necessary branch lines; and to build and operate tramways in connection therewith, and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary roads, bridges, ways, ferries and other works, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and with power to build, construct, acquire, own, equip and maintain ships, steamers, barges and other boats and vessels, and to 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 railways and branches; and with power to build and operate all kinds of plant for the purpose of supplying light, heat, electricity and any kind of motive power; and with power to acquire the water rights, and to construct dams and flumes for improving and increasing any water rights or water privileges acquired; and to build, own and maintain saw-mills, and wood pulp mills; 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 freights passing over any such 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 powers, rights or privileges:

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to

enact accordingly, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray, etc., etc.

Dated at Vancouver, this third day of May, A.D. 1900.

John Hendry. Rich'd, H. Alexander.