

## No. 10.

## PETITION.

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

The humble petition of the undersigned, Ernest Victor Bodwell, Barrister, James Hill Lawson, the younger, Barrister, and Henry Graham Lawson, Barrister, all of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, sheweth :—

1. That it is in the interest of the public that a railway should be constructed from a point at or near the mouth of Copper River, on the Skeena River, Coast District, in the Province of British Columbia, thence by the most feasible route to a point at or near the mouth of Telkwa River, on the Bulkley River, Coast District, Province of British Columbia.

2. Your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a company to be called the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company, with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate the said line or lines of railway of standard or other gauge with any kind or kinds of motive power, for the conveyance of passengers and freight, and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to build, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to build, acquire, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and to operate the same on any navigable waters ; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes, and to charge tolls therefor, and to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power ; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, money bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation or other persons or bodies, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using and on all freight passing over any of such roads, railways, ferries, wharves and vessels built by the Company ; and with power to connect with and make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies ; and to exercise such powers as are granted by Parts IV. and V. of the Water Clauses Consolidation Act ; and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating them for the purposes aforesaid and conferring upon them the necessary powers in that behalf.

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

Dated the 3rd day of January, 1906.

Witness to the signature of Ernest Victor Bodwell, HENRY C. HALL.	}	E. V. BODWELL.
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Witness to the signature of J. H. Lawson, the younger, HENRY C. HALL.	}	JAMES H. LAWSON, JR.
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Witness to the signature of H. G. Lawson, HENRY C. HALL.	}	H. G. LAWSON.
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