PETITION.

To the Honourable the aker, Legislative Assembly, British Columbia.

The petition of the undersigned residents of Spence's Bridge and Nicola Valley humbly sheweth:—

Whereas your petitioners earnestly desire that Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Railway Company may be authorized by your Honourable Body to build the line of railway from Spence's Bridge, through Nicola Valley, to Nicola Lake:

Provided that this clause be inserted in the Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Railway Company's charter, viz.: "That the said Nicola, Kamloops, and Similkameen Railway Company shall not commence construction on line from Spence's Bridge to Nicolo Lake until eighteen months have elapsed from the passage of their charter."

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

Nicola Valley, March 28th, 1891.

JOHN CLAPPERTON,

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REPORT OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

WELLINGTON STRIKE.

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April 11th, 1891.

MR. SPEAKER:

Your Select Committee appointed to enquire into the cause that led to the late strike or lock-out at the Wellington coal mines, with power to send for persons and papers, beg to report as follows, viz.:—

That they have held four meetings, two of which took place at Wellington, and two at the Parliament buildings here. That they examined thirteen witnesses for the miners, and twelve for the management of the Wellington mines, and after careful enquiry are of the opinion that the primary cause of the strike at Wellington in May last, was the desire of the miners to be recognised as an organization known as Miners and Mine Labourers Union, and the refusal of the management of the Wellington Collieries to recognise or treat with such an organization.

Thos. Keith,

Chairman.