

bia, and every enterprise whose success depends upon the development of its mineral resources, emphatically declare for 'free trade in railways,' and believe that every *bona fide* railway company desirous of building railways in the Province should be allowed to do so.

“ And be it further resolved, that this association is strongly of the opinion that cheap freight rates are essential in building up the mining and smelting industries, and, in the absence of government ownership of railways, these can be secured only by competition, and the control of rates through a railway commission or other effective instrument.

Low freight rates a necessity.

“ And be it further resolved, that this association petition the Dominion Parliament and the Provincial Legislature to grant the charter applied for by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, and those applied for by other companies who ask for nothing beyond the privilege of constructing railways in this province.

“ And be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be printed and forwarded to the members of the Dominion and Provincial