RETURN

To an Address of the Legislative Assembly, praying for copies of correspondence between the Government, or any member thereof, and any person or persons, in reference to the Incorporation of Kamloops.

JOHN ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

Provincial Secretary's Office,
28th February, 1889.

Mr. Clarke to the Provincial Secretary.

KAMLOOPS, October 6th, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to enclose herewith a petition for the incorporation of Kamloops, addressed to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and bearing a majority of the names of those legally qualified to sign.

I also enclose a statutory declaration as to the number of persons legally qualified to sign such a petition.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) S. CLARKE, M. D.,
Chairman, Incorporation Committee.

[DECLARATION.]

Dominion of Canada,
Province of British Columbia,
County of Yale.

I, John S. Bennet, of Kamloops, in the County of Yale, Clerk, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have made a careful list and census of the freeholders, householders, free miners, pre-emptors and leaseholders of the full age of twenty-one years, resident in the locality described in the annexed petition, and that the same number one hundred and twenty-five (125). That nine (9) of the said number are at the present temporarily absent from the said area; that such number of one hundred and twenty-five (125) was arrived at by careful examination of the assessment roll, Government census, and a careful personal canvass.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the "Oaths Ordinance, 1869."

(Signed) JOHN S. BENNET.

Declared before me, at Kamloops aforesaid, this 27th day of September, A. D. 1888.
(Signed) W. M. COCHRANE,
[SEAL.] *Notary Public in and for B. C.*

[PETITION.]

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council of the Province of British Columbia :—

The petition of the undersigned freeholders, householders, free miners, pre-emptors, or leaseholders of the full age of twenty-one years, and resident within the area hereinafter mentioned, humbly sheweth :—

That the total number of residents entitled to petition for Letters Patent for incorporation of the locality hereinafter described as a municipality under the "Municipality Act, 1881," is one hundred and thirty-four (134), and that the area or extent contained in the premises hereinafter described and proposed to be incorporated is 749 acres.

Your petitioners pray that the following described premises may be incorporated as a City under the said "Municipality Act, 1881," viz.:—Commencing at a point on the north-west corner of Lot 231, called Rocky Point, running thence south 2,400 feet; thence east 2,475 feet; thence south 990 feet; thence east 3,564 feet; thence south 1,320 feet; thence east 5,280 feet to the eastern limit of what is known as the new townsite; thence following the eastern limit of said new townsite to the bank of the South Thompson River; thence along the bank of the Thompson River to the point of commencement.

That the name of such incorporation shall be the Corporation of the City of Kamloops, and that Letters Patent under the public seal of British Columbia may issue incorporating the above described locality into a municipality under the said "Municipality Act, 1881," by the name aforesaid.

That the number of Municipal Council thereof shall be eight Councillors and a Mayor, and that five shall form a quorum thereof.

That the elections for the first Council shall be held on the second Monday in January, 1889, in the manner prescribed by the "Municipality Act, 1881."

That the proposed incorporation shall be divided into four wards, as follows:—All that portion of said described land lying west of the lot upon which the post office is erected, shall be one ward, called the West Ward; that portion between the West Ward and Second Avenue extended to the Thompson River, the Centre Ward; that portion east of Second Avenue and south of Victoria Avenue, the South Ward; and that portion east of Second Avenue extended to the river, and north of Victoria Avenue, the North Ward.

And that each Ward shall elect two Councillors.

And your petitioners will ever pray.

Victor Guillaume,	J. Blair,	J. W. Church,	E. H. Grindrod,
S. Geo. Roadley,	E. M. Sloane,	F. Allingham,	Seth Woodbridge,
W. M. Cochrane,	J. J. Sears,	H. D. McLeod,	S. C. Hill,
Arthur Morton,	James D. Reid,	E. C. Davidson,	D. H. McKenzie,
Sibree Clarke,	W. Hickens Smith,	Jos. Fletcher,	William Taylor,
W. R. Megaw,	Alex. Mowatt,	Fred. Dufresne,	E. Stuart Wood,
John Campbell,	W. J. Unwin,	N. Sylvester,	Thomas H. Armstrong,
Thos. Eckersley,	Jno. Goodfellow,	Alex. McDonald,	William Grant,
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Fred. H. Robson,	J. S. Laurent,	Phoebe Nelson,	F. F. Crotty,
Thos. Hornby,	N. McPhee,	Lawrence Quinn,	F. A. McIntosh,
J. S. Smith,	Gladius Teodoro,	Chas. E. Stephenson,	Chas. McNichol,
J. L. Brown,	R. J. Smith,	Edw. F. White,	S. C. Vick,
O. Olndrino,	Jas. Foster,	Philip Wade,	M. Mattheson,
D. M. Hosker,	H. Atherton,	W. D. Thexton,	Justin Duprat,
I. Bannerman,	Alex. McLean,	P. S. Reinier,	Samuel Moore.
J. S. Lawrence,			

The Provincial Secretary to Messrs. Guillaume and others.

VICTORIA, 9th October, 1888.

GENTLEMEN,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your petition, praying for the incorporation of Kamloops as a city, and to assure you that it will receive the early and earnest attention of the Government.

I am, etc,

(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

The Provincial Secretary to the Government Agent, Kamloops.

VICTORIA, B. C., 9th October, 1888.

SIR,—The enclosed copy of petition and declaration are sent in order that you may enquire into the facts and *bona fides* of the signatures, and report upon the same to this department at your earliest convenience.

I am, etc.,

(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

The Government Agent, Kamloops, to the Provincial Secretary.

KAMLOOPS, B. C., 15th October, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, containing enclosures as stated.

I will make enquiries regarding the *bona fides* of the signatures to the petition and inform you of the result at an early date.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) FREDERICK HUSSEY,
Government Agent.

Mr. James McIntosh to the Provincial Secretary.

KAMLOOPS, October 22nd, 1888.

SIR,—I beg herewith to hand you a petition to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, signed by 76 householders and freeholders, 74 of whom are *bona fide* residents of the town, praying that His Honour will *not* grant Letters Patent incorporating Kamloops into a city.

The petition is, as you will observe, signed by the largest property holders as well as the leading business and professional men in the town.

The following gentlemen signed the petition in favour of incorporation under a misapprehension, and subsequently signed the one which I now enclose. Their names should therefore be struck off the first one, viz. :—Victor Guillaume, Thos Hornby, N. McPhee, W. S. Church, J. S. Laurent, W. Hickens.

I beg to call your attention to the following names on the first petition which should not be entitled to any weight with your Governmeut, as the parties are either non-resident, or have no interest in the town :—

O. Olndrino is not a resident and has no interest here.

J. D. Reid is neither a freeholder or a householder, and intends leaving shortly.

J. J. Unwin, a C. P. R. Conductor, is a freeholder, but resides at North Bend.

F. Allingham, a free miner, has no legal residence here. He happened to be in Kamloops while the petition was in circulation, because the water in the North Thompson was too high for him to ascend the river.

R. J. Park has left the country. He was for a time bar-tender at the Cosmopolitan, but was never either a freeholder or householder.

Wm. Taylor and Wm. Grant are unknown to me. I have made diligent enquiry and have been unable to find two men resident of this place answering to those names.

Jos. Fletcher is not, strictly speaking, a resident of Kamloops. He spent a few months here this summer, but has no interest in the town.

Chas. McNichol has been a resident, but is not now.

D. W. McKenzie is not a resident.

J. W. Graham and S. Moore are freeholders, but not residents.

Fred Dupresne, a barber, was employed by Mr. LeBlanc for about two months. He has since left and has no interest here.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) JAMES MCINTOSH.

[PETITIONS.]

KAMLOOPS, 15th October, 1888.

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia, in Council:—

We, the undersigned, request that our names be taken from the petition for the incorporation of Kamloops, we having signed the same without properly understanding the effect thereof and without due consideration.

(Signed) VICTOR GUILLAUME,
" J. S. LAURENT,
" F. HORNBY,
" W. S. CHURCH,
" N. MCPHEE,
signed at his request by
Wm. Ward Spinks,
" W. HICKENS SMITH.

KAMLOOPS, 28th August, 1888.

To His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia in Council:

The humble petition of the undersigned freeholders and householders resident in the town of Kamloops, sheweth:—

That a petition has been circulated praying your Honour to cause Letters Patent to be issued incorporating the town of Kamloops.

That your petitioners consider that it would be unwise for the town of Kamloops to assume the responsibility of municipal government at present, for the following reasons:—

I. The town is well governed, and the Government Agent is an energetic and painstaking official and manages the several departments under his control efficiently and economically.

II. The district gaol is well managed and discipline strictly enforced, and the gaol is a credit to the Province.

III. That the constables are attentive to their duties, and that law and order are as well maintained as in any village or town in the Dominion.

IV. The streets of Kamloops are now being put into a thorough state of repair by the chain-gang, with a slight cost to the Province and beneficial effect upon the prisoners, who are in this manner given healthy employment.

V. The sanitary laws are as well enforced by the Government Agent as they could possibly be if the town were incorporated.

VI. Your petitioners are of opinion that a large proportion of the revenue to be collected under incorporation would be swallowed up by a second staff of officials and the necessary expenses for carrying on the Council.

And this petition further sheweth,—

That the majority of your petitioners have resided here for many years and have assisted materially in the growth of Kamloops and have large vested interests there, and are naturally as anxious as others for the welfare and advancement of their town, but they fail to see that the benefits to be derived from incorporation will be commensurate with the increased burthens they will be compelled to assume.

That the total white population of Kamloops, including children, is only 655, and that the amount of real estate available for taxation, according to the last assessment roll is under $200,000.

Your petitioners therefore pray that your Honour will *not* grant Letters Patent incorporating Kamloops into a city, with a Mayor and Board of Alderman or Councillors.

And your petitioners will ever pray, etc.

NAME.	QUALIFICATION.	NAME.	QUALIFICATION.
James McIntosh	Freeholder.	G. B. Scuitto	Freeholder.
J. A. Mara	Freeholder.	Henry Davis	Freeholder.
John T. Edwards	Freeholder.	R. H. Lee, C. E	Freeholder.
Wm. Ward Spinks	Freeholder.	John Chisholm	Freeholder.
J. Odgen Grahame	Chief Trader, H. B. Co.	C. A. McGregor	Freeholder.
G. H. Jones	Freeholder.	William Edmunds	Freeholder

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J. R. Hull	Freeholder.	A. Smith	Householder & Freeholder.
R. Harpol, Spt. P. Div., C.P.R.	Householder.	N. McPhee	Householder.
J. Vain	Freeholder.	Y. Savoy	
R. Lea Barnes	Mang'r Bank B. C., & F'r.	J. P. Burnyeat	Householder.
A. M. Gnign	Householder.	Canon H. Henry Cooper	Householder & Incumbent.
James Woodland	Freeholder.	J. S. Wood	Householder.
John Johnson	Householder.	M. Sullivan	Freeholder.
S. Martine	Freeholder.	L. Campbell	Freeholder.
W. E. McCartney	Freeholder.	Peter Barnhart	Householder.
August Manento	Freeholder.	C. C. Brown	Freeholder.
D. P. Leonard	Freeholder.	C. J. Corney	Freeholder.
A. McKinnon	Freeholder.	Fred. A. Kelly	Householder.
Ed. Furrer	Householder.	Jos. Ratchford	Householder.
W. A. Simmons	Freeholder.	Alex. McLean	Freeholder.
George P. Raven	Freeholder.	Simon Crubuckle	Freeholder.
E. H. Jones	Householder.	H. C. M. Ridley	Freeholder.
R. E. Smith	Freeholder.	B. B. Bowell	Freeholder.
F. M. Schenck	Householder & Freeholder.	T Hornby	Freeholder.
John F. Smith	Freeholder.	E. Leblanc	Freeholder.
John O'Brien	Freeholder	M. J. Church	Freeholder.
Frank Harvey	Freeholder.	J. R. Lark	Freeholder.
Jno. Turner	Freeholder.	Victor Guillaume	Freeholder.
J. W. Mackay	Indian Ag't & Free Miner.	J. S. Laurent	Householder.
Ed. Cannell	Freeholder.	D. H. Campbell	Leaseholder.
D. C. McGillivry	Freeholder.	Ernest Fletcher	Householder.
A. McCole	Free Miner.	Sam. Woods	Freeholder.
D. W. Villiers	Freeholder.	J. W. Simond	Householder.
George Sinclair	Freeholder.	J. T. Gorrie	Freeholder.
Arthur Wagstaff	Freeholder.	John Fox	Householder.
Arthur Olson	Householder.	R. S. Morse	Householder.
H. Archibald	Freeholder.	G. A. Minout	Householder.
Wentworth F. Wood	Householder.	W. Hickens Smith	Freeholder.

The Government Agent, Kamloops, to the Provincial Secretary.

KAMLOOPS, 22nd October, 1888.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, enclosing petition, which I herewith return. I believe all the persons named in the petition have signed the same, and I have placed opposite to each signature what I have been informed are the qualifications of every person.

Mr. J. S. Bennet was employed to make a list and census of persons entitled to vote, and he, apparently, took great pains to do the work correctly.

I have, &c,

(Signed) FREDERICK HUSSEY, *G. A.*

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And your petitioners will ever pray.

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Sibree Clarke	,, ,,
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John Campbell	,, ,,
Thos. Eckersley	,, ,,
Marshall P. Gordon	,, ,,
James D. Gordon	,, ,,
Fred H. Robson	,, ,,
Thos. Hornby	,, ,,
J. S. Smith	,, ,,
Joseph Power	,, ,,
Wm. Rowe	Householder and Resident.
J. S. Laurent	,, ,,
N. McPhee	,, ,,
Gladius Teodoro	Freeholder and Resident.
R. J. Smith	Householder and Resident.
Jas. Foster	,, ,,
H. Atherton	,, ,,
J. L. Browne	,, ,,
O. Olndrino	Freeholder and Resident.
D. M. Hosker	,, ,,
J. Bannerman	,, ,,
J. S. Lawrence	,, ,,
J. Blair	,, ,,
E. W. Sloan	,, ,,
J. J. Sears	,, ,,
James D. Reid	Householder and Resident.
W. Hickens Smith	Freeholder and Resident.
Alex. Mowatt	,, ,,
W. J. Unwin	Freeholder.
Jno. Goodfellow	Householder and Resident.
Samuel Moore	Freeholder & Non-Resident
Chas E. Stevenson	Householder and Resident
Ed. F. White	,, ,,
Philip Wade	Freeholder and Resident
W. D. Thexton	Householder and Resident
P. S. Reinier	,, ,,
E. H. Grindrod	,, ,,
Seth Woodbridge	,, ,,
S. C. Hill	,, ,,
Alex. McLean	,, ,,
J. W. Church	Freeholder and Resident
F. Allingham	Free Miner and Resident
H. D. McLeod	Freeholder and Resident
E. C. Davidson	,, ,,
Jos. Fletcher	Free Miner and Resident
Fred. Dufresne	,, ,,
N. Sylvester	Freeholder and Resident
Alex. McDonald	,, ,,
R. J. Park	Free Miner & Non-Resident
Simon J. Tunstall	Freeholder and Resident
Phœbe Nelson	,, ,,
Lawrence Quinn	Freeholder.
D. H. McKenzie	Householder and Resident
William Taylor	Free Miner and Resident
E. Stuart Wood	Freeholder and Resident
Thomas H. Armstrong	Freeholder.
William Grant	Free Miner and Resident
J. W. Graham	,, ,,
D. K. Robertson	Householder & Free Miner
F. F. Crotty	Freeholder.
F. A. McIntosh	Householder and Resident
Chas. McNichol	Free Miner and Resident
S. C. Vick	Householder and Resident
M. Matheson	,, ,,
Justin Duprat	Freeholder and Resident

Mr. Clarke to the Provincial Secretary.

KAMLOOPS, December 12th, 1888

SIR,—On October 6th I had the honour to transmit to you a petition for the incorporation of Kamloops. I have had no official intimation that it was received or was being considered, but the opponents of incorporation are circulating a report that the petition has failed of its object.

If the matter has been decided it would be satisfactory to the Committee to have official information to that effect, and, if decided adversely, to have reasons for such adverse decision.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) S. CLARKE,

Chairman, Incorporation Committee.

The Provincial Secretary to Mr. Clarke.

VICTORIA, 10th January, 1889.

SIR,—Your letter of the 12th ultimo duly came to hand, but absence from the city and subsequent indisposition prevented an earlier reply. I have now to inform you that receipt of the petition praying for incorporation was duly acknowledged on the 9th of October.

On the 26th October a counter petition was received, and consideration of the whole matter was delayed in consequence of my departure to Ottawa.

Upon a careful examination of both petitions and covering letters, &c., it is found that the question now stands,—sixty-three for incorporation and seventy-six against it. This includes six names which were appended to the first petition "under misapprehension," and subsequently appended to the second petition.

Inasmuch as the Act requires that a majority shall petition for incorporation, you will readily perceive that, under the above recited circumstances, the Lieutenant-Governor could not comply with the prayer of your petition.

Regretting the delay which has occurred in this matter,

I am, &c.,

(Signed) JNO. ROBSON,
Provincial Secretary.

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