No. 57.

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 petition of Henry Purdon Bell, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, Civil Engineer; Day Hort Macdowall, of the same place, Commission Merchant; and Theodore Lubbe, of the same place, Merchant, humbly showeth, as follows:—

That your petitioners are desirous that an Act may be passed by your Honourable Body to incorporate a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway, standard or narrow gauge, for the conveying of passengers and freight from some point on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at or near the outlet of Kamloops Lake; thence by the most direct and feasible route to the plateau of the Bonaparte River; thence to a point on the Cariboo Waggon Road near the 100-Mile House; thence to some point near the headwaters of the Beaver River; thence following generally the direction of the Beaver to the confluence of the Quesnel with the Fraser River; with power also to build a branch from the above described line to some point in the vicinity of Williams or Antler Creek, in the Cariboo District; and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, ways and ferries, and to build, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith, and to build, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, 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 railway and branches, 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, 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 make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in that behalf.

Therefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes aforesaid.

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

Dated at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1901.

H.	Ρ.	Bell,	[L.S.]
D.	H.	MACDOWALL,	[L.S.]
Τ.	LUBBE.		L.S.

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