

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 the undersigned, inhabitants of the Cities of New Westminster and Vancouver, humbly sheweth :—

That the New Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company are at present the only Company operating a line of Tramway between the two cities of New Westminster and Vancouver, and that the public convenience requires that a shorter and more easily operated route should be opened, in order to facilitate communication between the two cities.

That your petitioners believe that there are two separate Syndicates seeking the privilege from your Honourable House of constructing Railway and Tramway lines for their own advantage and the convenience of the people.

That one of the Syndicates already referred to, has a charter to construct and operate a railway between the two cities, and that they, having spent considerable money on preliminary work, are seeking an extension of their charter.

That the other Syndicate is composed of respectable and trustworthy citizens, in whom the people repose confidence.

That your petitioners believe that both Syndicates are in earnest in their intentions to begin and complete the construction of their proposed undertakings at an early date.

That your petitioners believe that it is in the best interest of the two cities immediately interested, and of the Province of British Columbia generally, that the widest power should be given to promote easy and rapid communication between the different cities of the Province, and in the public interest competition should be encouraged and fostered, and monopoly discouraged.

Your petitioners, therefore, pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to listen to the prayers of both Syndicates and of any other bodies of the like kind, and thus facilitate rapid intercourse between the widely separate parts of the Province.

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

Thomas Gray,
J. A. Kemp,
Geo. Walker,
D. K. Campbell,

Rod. Campbell, Sen.
R. Campbell, Jr.,
J. R. McHugh,
and 450 others.

[A petition similar to the above, signed by 359 persons, was also presented.]