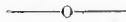


PETITION.



To the Honourable the Speaker and the Honourable Members of the House of Assembly of the Province of British Columbia :

We, the undersigned land owners and residents of Sumas, interested in the dyking and reclamation scheme projected by the Lumsden Bros. of Sumas, respectfully petition your Honourable Body to pass (subject to the amendments hereinafter mentioned) the Sumas Reclamation Bill now presented to the House, having for its object the effectual dyking and reclamation of their own and other lands situate in the Sumas District.

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

The following are the amendments to the Bill :—

1. Amend sub-section (14) of section 11 thus: "The specifications must be approved of and accepted by a Committee of the land owners, or by a first-class engineer by them appointed."

2. To amend section 19 by adding after the word "company," in the second line, "but subject to the approval of the land owners, or the Commissioners appointed by them."

3. Section 20 to be amended so as to read after the words "durable manner," on the second line, "and the height of the said works shall be at least three feet higher than the water of 1882."

Amend section 20 by adding after "a," in the third line, "first-class Dutch dyking engineer, Committee of the land owners, and the Commissioner of the District, if they are appointed"; strike out the word "Dutch," in the eighth line.

4. Amend section 21 by adding after "engineer," in the sixth line, "appointed by the people, if they so desire"; and strike out "of the company," in the same line.

That section 21 be further amended by striking out all the words after "however," on the twenty-second line, and substituting the following in lieu thereof: "that the company shall maintain and keep in repair all the dykes and flood-gates during a period of four years after the completion and acceptance of said works as aforesaid."

5. Strike out the words "and cleared," in the fourth line of section 22.

6. Strike out section 23, and substitute the words—

"23. The company shall construct the works on the Luk-a-kuk, and maintain them for four years, subject to the approval of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. At the expiration of four years, the said works shall be kept in repair, half by the lands lying to the eastward, and half by the lands lying to the westward of said Luk-a-kuk, as set out in the Schedule to the said Bill."

7. Strike out "three" and "five," in the sixth and seventh lines of the 24th section, and substitute therefor "five" and "ten"; substitute "seven" for "eight," in the tenth line of said section; "Interest payable annually, on the first day of January in each and every year."

8. Substitute "twelve" for "three," in the second line of section 26.

9. A clause relieving us of the liability under the Reclamation Act of 1891.

10. That a new clause be added, something similar to this: "That all lands subject to overflow caused by backwater, the natural drainage of the valley, excepting the waters from the Vedder Creek, such lands shall not be liable to assessment under the provisions of this Act until such waters shall be removed by the company; any and all plant that shall be used by the company for pumping during the four years shall, after the expiration of four years, remain on the works where used; that no lands on the higher levels not subject to backwater shall be liable to any expense in maintaining and keeping in repair any of the works erected for the purpose of removing backwater.

11. All the Commissioners appointed under the Dyking, Ditching, and Irrigation Act a provided for in this Act, in Sumas Dyking District, shall be elected or appointed by the lan owners liable to assessment for the dyking of Sumas.

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And sixteen others.

[Also a similar petition from Upper Sumas, signed by twenty-two persons.

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