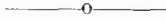


PETITION.



To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia:

The petition of the inhabitants of Grand Forks humbly sheweth:—

1. That whereas notice has been given by certain parties of their purpose to introduce a Bill into the Legislative Assembly applying for an Act to incorporate the "Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," with power to use so much of the water of Boundary Creek, Kettle River, and the North Fork of the Kettle River as the Company may see fit, for the purpose, amongst others, of supplying water to the inhabitants of the Townsite of Grand Forks; and with the further power of appropriating and using 150,000 miners inches of water from Kettle River for the purpose of generating electricity, etc., and supplying the same to the inhabitants, cities, towns, etc., within a radius of forty miles from the said Townsite of Grand Forks, and with the further powers in the said notice mentioned.

2. That whereas notice has been given by certain other parties of their purpose to introduce a Bill into the Legislative Assembly applying for an Act to incorporate the "Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," with power to appropriate and use so much of the water of the North Fork of Kettle River and Manley Creek, at points above the Townsite of Grand Forks, as may be necessary for the purpose of supplying electricity, motive power, water for domestic purposes, etc., to the inhabitants, miners, etc., of the Townsite of Grand Forks, and of a strip of territory not exceeding six miles in width and twenty-five miles in length, on the North Fork of the Kettle River above the Townsite of Grand Forks, and with the further powers in the said notice mentioned.

3. That the promoters of the said "Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," are interested in the Townsite of Cascade, but not in the Townsite of Grand Forks, and have no inducement to use the powers for which they apply for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Townsite of Grand Forks; and in the opinion of you petitioners any powers relating to the Townsite of Grand Forks for which they apply, are applied for solely with the object not of carrying out works for the benefit of the Townsite of Grand Forks, but of obtaining for themselves a monopoly from the manipulation or sale of which they expect to derive their profit.

4. That the promoters of the said "Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," are largely interested in the Townsite of Grand Forks and adjoining property, and have therefore a great inducement to use the powers for which they apply for the best advantage of the inhabitants of the said Townsite of Grand Forks, and in the opinion of your petitioners the powers for which they apply are likely to be used by them forthwith, and if so used, will greatly benefit the said inhabitants of the said Townsite of Grand Forks.

5. That the granting of the powers applied for by the "Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," would, in the opinion of your petitioners, greatly impede the progress of the Townsite of Grand Forks and adjoining District, create great inconvenience to the inhabitants thereof, and subject the Townsite, District and inhabitants to the injustice of a monopoly arbitrarily directed by individuals whose interests are probably inimical to those of your petitioners.

6. That on the other hand the grant of the powers applied for by the "Grand Forks Water, power and Light Company, Limited," would, in the opinion of your petitioners, conduce greatly to the development of the Townsite of Grand Forks and adjoining District, and to the benefit of the inhabitants thereof, for the reason that the promoters of the said Bill, being largely interested and resident in the said Townsite and District, would exercise their powers in the way best fitted to promote the welfare of the said Townsite, District and inhabitants.

7. That any telephone, motor, or other works erected or operated in pursuance of the powers granted to the "Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," even where such were erected for the supply of the Townsite of Grand Forks would probably be erected and operated not in the Townsite of Grand Forks but in the Townsite of Cascade, or in some other place where the promoters of the said Bill have an interest, whereas any such works erected or operated in pursuance of the powers granted to the "Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," would be so erected and operated in the Townsite of Grand Forks, and in the opinion of your petitioners it is only just that all benefit arising from such works should accrue to the inhabitants and Townsite of Grand Forks, and not to the inhabitants of the Townsite of Cascade or any other district.

8. That the powers for which the "Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," are applying are so extensive as, if granted, to be a serious danger as well as injustice to the District.

You petitioners therefore humbly pray that Your Honourable House will refuse to sanction the passage of the Bill for the incorporation of the "Cascade Water, Power and Light Company, Limited," at all events in so far as it conflicts with the powers applied for by the "Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited."

And your petitioners further humbly pray that Your Honourable House will sanction the passage of the Bill applied for by the "Grand Forks Water, Power and Light Company, Limited."

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

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G. W. AVERILL,
and 124 others.

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