

No. 17.

PETITION.

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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Parliament assembled :

The petition of the undersigned, the Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Company, humbly sheweth :—

That whereas your petitioners were incorporated by an Act, being chapter 50 of the Statutes of 1900 of the Province of British Columbia :

And whereas by section 2 of chapter 67 of the Statutes of British Columbia, 1905, it was provided that the work of construction of the Company's line of railway should be completed by the 1st day of May, 1909 :

And whereas it will be impossible for such undertaking to be completed by that date, and it is necessary that an Act should be obtained at the present Session of the Legislature for a further extension of the time for completion thereof :

And whereas it is in the interest of the public that a railway should be constructed also from the junction of the Skeena and Copper Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, to the junction of the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, in the Province of British Columbia :

And whereas, under the Rules and Orders of Your Honourable House relating to Private Bills, provision is made respecting the publication of notice and the time of presentation of petitions and Private Bills, which said Rules and Orders it is now impossible for your petitioners to fully comply with :

And whereas it is of the utmost importance to your petitioners that the said petition should be considered by your Honourable House at its present Session :

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to suspend Rules fifty-seven (57) and fifty-nine (59), or others of the Rules and Orders relating to Private Bills, to allow of the introduction, at the present Session of the House, of a Bill to amend the "Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Act, 1900," being 64 Victoria, chapter 50, of the Statutes of the Province of British Columbia, by giving the Company power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway from the junction of the Skeena and Copper Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, to the junction of the Bulkley and Telkwa Rivers, or the vicinity thereof, in Coast District, in the Province of British Columbia ; and to amend the "Pacific Northern & Omineca Railway Act Amendment Act, 1905," being

5 Edward VII. of the Statutes of British Columbia, by extending the time for the completion of the work of construction of the line of railway, as limited by section two (2) of the said Act, until the 26th day of June, 1911.

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

Dated this 4th day of January, A.D. 1909.

The Common Seal of the Pacific, North-
ern & Omineca Railway Company was } [L.S.]
hereunto affixed in the presence of }

CHAS. M. HAYS,
President.

HENRY PHILIPS,
Secretary.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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