

No. 16.

PETITION.

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

The humble petition of John Breckenridge, Peter Lund and James A. Harvey, all of the City of Cranbrook, British Columbia, sheweth :

That your petitioners are desirous of incorporating a Company for the purpose of constructing, equipping, maintaining and operating a line of railway of standard gauge, to be operated by steam, electricity, or any other power, for the carrying of freight, passengers and express ; commencing at a point on the North Star Branch of the British Columbia Southern Railway, at or near the Town of Marysville ; thence westerly, following the northerly side of the St. Mary's River to St. Mary's Lake ; thence skirting the northerly side of said lake to its westerly end ; thence proceeding westward along either the northerly or southerly side of said St. Mary's River to a point on Kootenay Lake at or near Crawford Bay.

With authority to construct branch lines up Matthew Creek, Hell's Roaring Creek, Alki Creek, White Fish Creek, Pyramid Creek, Baker Creek, and other branch lines, not exceeding twenty miles each in length ; also with power to connect with and enter into running arrangements with the Canadian Pacific Railway, or any other railway situate near said proposed railway, or any part thereof, and to construct terminal sidings at any such connections ; to receive from any Government, person, or body corporate, grants of land, money or other assets in aid of construction of such undertaking. With power to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public ; with power to own real estate for right of way and other purposes, and to own, use and operate water powers convenient to the road for railway and other purposes, and with such other powers and privileges as are usually given to railway companies.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable Body may be pleased to pass an Act constituting your petitioners, and such other persons, firms and corporations as may hereafter become shareholders in the said company, a body corporate and politic, under the name of "St. Mary's Valley Railway Company," conferring upon the said company the rights, powers and privileges hereinbefore set out and referred to.

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

Dated at Cranbrook, B. C., this 12th day of December, A. D. 1905.

JOHN BRECKENRIDGE,
PETER LUND,
JAMES A. HARVEY.

VICTORIA, B. C. :