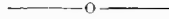


No. 7.

PETITION.



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, Leopold Hirsch, of Warnford Court, in the City of London, Stock and Share Broker and Banker, Arthur Johnstone Douglas, of Comlongon Castle, Ruthwell, Scotland, Director of Public Companies, and Archibald Campbell Mitchell Innes, of 29, Cornhill, in the City of London, England, Merchant, humbly sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated under the corporate name of “Kootenay and North-West Railway Company,” with all usual corporate powers, and with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near Golden, in East Kootenay District; thence in a southerly direction up the valley of the Columbia River, on either the east or the west side of the said Columbia River, to or near to the Canal Flat, at the foot of Upper Columbia Lake, by the most feasible route; thence in a southerly direction down the valley of the Kootenay River, on either the east or the west side of the said Kootenay River, by the most feasible route to a point on the Tobacco Plains, at or near where the International Boundary Line intersects the said Kootenay River; with the further power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a standard or narrow gauge railway from some point at or near Golden, in East Kootenay District, or from some point at or near Golden, on the line of railway aforesaid, to be built southerly from Golden; thence in a northerly direction by the most feasible route through the valleys of the Columbia, Canoe, Fraser and Parsnip Rivers, on either the east or west sides thereof, passing near Fort McLeod on McLeod Lake; thence continuing along the valley of the Parsnip River in a northerly direction to the fifty-sixth parallel of latitude; thence northerly, crossing the fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-eighth, and fifty-ninth degrees of latitude, by the most feasible route to the valley of the Liard River, within the fifty-ninth and sixtieth degrees of latitude, and west of the one hundred and twenty-fourth degree of longitude; and thence by the most feasible route, either up or down the valley of the Liard River, to the northerly boundary of the Province; or westerly by the most feasible route to a point at or near Teslin Lake, at the northerly boundary of the Province; with power to construct branch lines, and also power to build and operate branch lines from time to time to groups of mines from any point on the main line, or any of its branches; with the power in operating the railway and its branches to use steam, electricity, or other motive power; with power to build telegraph and telephone lines for the purposes of the Company, and for transmission of messages for the public, and commercial purposes; with power to build all necessary bridges, roadways, wharves and docks, and own and operate ferries; and with power to equip and maintain steam and other vessels, and operate

the same in connection with the railway and its branches, on any navigable water along or near to the line of railway and its branches ; and with power to acquire water-rights, and to generate electricity for operating the railway and any of its branches, and for the supply of light, heat, and other power ; and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company, and to acquire lands, bonuses, privileges, and other aids, from any government, municipal corporation, or persons or bodies corporate, and to levy and collect tolls from all persons using, and on all freight passing over any of such roads, ferries and wharves, and carried on the vessels built, used or operated by the Company, and with power to lease, make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all other usual and necessary or incidental rights, powers and privileges in any way conducive to the attainment of the aforesaid objects.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable House may be pleased to pass an Act for the purposes above mentioned.

Dated this nineteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

LEOPOLD HIRSCH,
A. JOHNSTONE DOUGLAS,
A. C. MITCHELL INNES.

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