

No. 7.

PETITION

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

The humble petition of the B. C. Mainland & Coast Industrial Co., Limited, sheweth as follows:—

Your petitioner was incorporated on the 14th day of December, 1909, under the provisions of the "Companies Act, 1897," of this Province, and by its Memorandum of Association states its objects as, shortly: The construction and operation of coke and fuel manufactories; the conservation and utilisation of all by-products in the production of coke and the marketing of the same; the manufacture of gas for illuminating, heating, and fuel purposes; construction and operation of smelters for the smelting of precious metals and other metals and minerals and the by-products; the purchasing and acquiring and operating collieries or iron-works; the mining of coal, iron-stone, iron, brick-earth, ores, metals, minerals, and substances manufactured from iron; the construction of necessary wharves, bridges, docks, piers, railways, tramways for the purpose of the Company's business; the chartering of ships and vessels; other assessorly objects, including the working—if authorised by the proper authority—of tramways by horse, steam, electric, or other mechanical power; the business of electricians and workers and dealers in electricity; telephone and telegraph; the application to Parliament for necessary accessory powers.

Your petitioner is acquiring a site in or near Prince Rupert, and proposes to acquire a site or sites at Port Simpson and Port Essington, and either on all three, or on such of them as may be found convenient, to erect factories and buildings for carrying out the objects of the Company, and proposes to acquire rights on the seashore adjacent to such factory sites, and thereon, with the requisite permission from the proper authority, to construct wharves and docks; and your petitioner seeks to connect such wharves and docks with the said factories by means of a line or lines of tramways or railways, to be operated either by horses, mechanical power, or electric or other power suitable, and for such purposes to lay such line or lines of tramway or railway along and across highways, streets, and roads and lands to be acquired for the purpose.

Your petitioner proposes from the said factory or factories to build a line or lines of tramways or railways to connect with any other tramlines or railroads; also to construct and operate a line or lines of tramways or railroads to a point or points within an area of 75 miles, to be used by the Company as a warehouse or a yard for the warehousing, storage, and marketing of coal and coke and other by-products of the Company; and also to construct a line or lines of tramway or railroad from the Company's said factory to any coal or mineral mine within a distance of 75 miles of the factory, for the purpose of conveying coal or other minerals to the Company's factory or smelter, obtaining the necessary approval from the proper authority as to the location of all works upon the highways or roads.

Your petitioner, for the marketing of the gas manufactured and for power produced from the use of gas as a fuel, desires to dig up and lay down pipes and cables and wires under the high-

ways, roads, and streets within the area of 75 miles from their said factory or works, and to convey electrical energy by means of cables and wires overhead on poles, and to place such poles in the highway, street, or road for the purposes aforesaid.

Your petitioner is willing that the powers sought by it shall be restricted in favour of any municipality within a given area from its said works, by the Company being placed under an obligation to offer to supply gas, or power produced by means of gas as a fuel, to be sold to such municipality in bulk at the factory, or at some point to be agreed upon within the municipality, limiting, in case such offer is accepted, the powers herein prayed for to cover the construction of all tramrails, railway, and other necessary works from the Company's wharf to the factory, and from the factory to the point of delivery in bulk.

Your petitioner undertakes to safeguard the public during the construction of their works.

Your petitioner seeks the appointment of Gas Inspectors, with right to enter on the private property of any consumer to regulate supply of gas or electric light, and the like power in aid of the enforcing payment by the consumer.

Your petitioner does not desire to be common carrier, but desires to transmit messages for the public by its line of telegraph or telephone, and collect tolls for so doing.

Your petitioner seeks, when going along the highways, roads, etc., through woods, the power to cut down trees within a distance on either side of 75 feet, upon making compensation; this as a precaution against setting on fire the said woods through the operation of locomotives or other means of locomotion; also the right to take necessary stone and gravel and other material for construction from Crown lands.

Your petitioner has presented a Bill to your Honourable Body asking for the powers hereinbefore set forth in aid of their said industry, and your petitioner prays that your Honourable Body will see fit to grant the same to your petitioner.

Your petitioner therefore prays that, in aid of the industry authorised by the Company's incorporation and to enable the convenient carrying-out of its objects, your Honourable Body will be pleased to grant the powers sought for by its said Bill.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

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J. P. MUNN, *Secretary.*