

No. 60.

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 petition of Ernest Victor Bodwell, of the City of Victoria, Barrister-at-Law ; Lyman Poore Duff, of the same place, Barrister-at-Law ; and James Hill Lawson, the younger, of the same place, Barrister-at-Law, humbly sheweth :—

1. That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a company with power to construct, equip, operate and maintain a railway, for the carriage of passengers and freight, from a point at the present terminus of the Victoria and Sydney Railway, in the City of Victoria, over, across and along the following streets, that is to say:—"A" Street, Bay Street, First Street, Blanchard Street, Fisgard Street, Cormorant Street, and Store Street, and across any street or streets, in the said City, which intersect with the streets above named, or any of them, and also over, across and along such other streets or ways in the City of Victoria as may hereafter be agreed upon between the Company and the Mayor and Council of the said City, for the time being in office; and to connect the railway, so to be constructed over the streets first above named, with the tracks of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Company and the Victoria and Sydney Railway, and to make traffic or other contracts, agreements, or arrangements with the said companies, and each of them, for the transfer of passengers and freight, upon such terms as may be agreed upon; and further, to construct, equip, operate and maintain a line of railway on the Mainland of British Columbia, from a point at or near the mouth of the Fraser River, through the Municipalities of Delta and Surrey, to a point where the line proposed to be constructed shall intersect with the New Westminster Southern Railway, and to continue said construction easterly to a point on the Fraser River, at or near Chilliwack, in the said Province; and also with power to construct, operate and maintain a railway ferry steamship for the purpose of transferring loaded passenger and freight cars from the terminus of the Victoria and Sydney Railway, at Sydney, or such other point as may be hereafter selected for such terminus on the Saanich Peninsula, to the point or points on the Mainland of British Columbia, at or near the mouth of the Fraser River, which shall be selected as the western terminus or termini of the railway proposed to be constructed; with power to build branch lines; and to build, own and maintain wharves, docks and such terminal slips, ways and appliances as may be convenient or necessary for the operation of the said railway ferry service; and with power to build own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats and operate the same on any navigable waters within the Province; and with power to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with the said railway and branches, and to charge tolls thereon for the transmission of messages for the public; and

to generate electricity for the supply of light, heat and power; and for all other purposes mentioned in sections 80, 81, 82 and 83 of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897"; and with power to take over and adopt the provisions of any agreement executed, or the conditions of any by-law passed by the Municipal Corporation of the City of Victoria, and intended to aid or assist the undertaking hereby proposed to be incorporated; and with power generally to acquire land, bonuses, privileges or other aids from any Government, municipal corporation, or other persons or bodies; and to levy and collect tolls from all parties using and on all freight passing over any of the roads, railways, ferries, wharves, docks or vessels built by the Company; and with power to make traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat, or other companies, or to amalgamate with the Great Northern Railway Company, or with any railway corporation controlled or operated by the said company, or with any other railway corporation in the Province of British Columbia, and for all other necessary or incidental rights, powers or privileges in that behalf.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Body will be pleased to pass an Act incorporating them for the purposes aforesaid, and conferring upon them the necessary powers in that behalf.

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

E. V. BODWELL,
LYMAN P. DUFF,
JAMES H. LAWSON, JR.

Witness:

H. G. LAWSON.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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