

No. 13.

## 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 Edgar Dewdney and A. P. Luxton, of the City of Victoria, sheweth :—

That your petitioners are desirous of having an Act of your Honourable House incorporating a Company with power to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway, of standard or any other gauge, with any kind of motive power, for carrying of freight and passengers from the mouth of the Bella Coola River, at the head of Burke Channel, Coast District, in the Province of British Columbia, following the Bella Coola River, to a point about 30 miles from its mouth; thence in a north-easterly direction by the most feasible route to Fraser River; thence eastward, along the Nechaco River to Fort George, on the Fraser River, and westward along the south bank of Fraser Lake and in the neighbourhood of the travelled route to a point on the Bulkley Valley near the mouth of the Telkwa River, with power to construct branches to the Blackwater River and the Chilcotin country; and with power to construct, operate and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to construct, acquire, own and maintain and operate wharves and docks; and to construct, own, acquire, maintain and operate steam and other vessels and boats on any navigable waters, and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines along the routes of said railway and branches, or in connection therewith, and to transmit messages for commercial purposes; and charge and collect tolls for the use thereof respectively; and to generate electricity and supply light, heat and power, and to construct, erect and maintain the necessary buildings and works to generate any kind of power for the purposes aforesaid, or in connection therewith, or otherwise, for reward; and also to acquire and receive from any Government, corporation or persons grants of land, money, bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking; and to connect with and enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and to exercise the powers granted or authorised by Parts IV. and V. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897," and with power to expropriate lands for the purposes of the Company; and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary or incidental in or to the premises.

Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that your Honourable House will be pleased to enact accordingly, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 2nd day of January, 1906.

EDGAR DEWDNEY,  
A. P. LUXTON.

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