
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 residents of Nicola Valley, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth :—

1. That your petitioners believe it to be desirable that a line of railway should be constructed and operated, commencing at some point at or near Spence's Bridge, on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, thence running in a south-easterly direction and following the valley of the Nicola River, and terminating at a point at or near the western extremity of Nicola Lake, with a branch commencing at or near the junction of the Coldwater and Nicola Rivers, and extending in a southerly direction along the valley of the Coldwater River to a point at or near the junction of the Voght and Coldwater Rivers; and that the coal lands and coal mines in the valleys of the said rivers should be developed and operated.

2. That John M. Lefevre, Stephen Tingley, and Charles Whetham are applying to your honourable body during the present Session to pass an Act to authorize the construction and operation of the said lines of railway, and the developing and operating of the said coal lands and coal mines by them, the said John M. Lefevre, Stephen Tingley, and Charles Whetham, as a company to be known as "The Nicola Valley Railway Company."

Your petitioners therefore pray that your honourable body may be pleased during the present Session to pass an Act incorporating the said John M. Lefevre, Stephen Tingley, and Charles Whetham as a company for the purposes aforesaid.

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

Dated this eighteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one.

S. GORDON,
GILBERT BLAIR,
H. D. GREEN-ARMYTAGE,
A. COULTIE,
WILLIAM SMITH,
JNO. CLAPPERTON,

And forty-two others.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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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 Mayor and City Council of the City of Vancouver sheweth:—

That on the 23rd February, 1891, the following resolutions were duly passed by the City Council of Vancouver in open meeting assembled;

Resolved, that whereas the City of Vancouver has for some time past been desirous of entering into an arbitration to ascertain the value of the water works system of the Vancouver Water Works Company;

And whereas considerable correspondence has passed between the city and the Water Works Company with a view to carrying out the above object;

And whereas the city has exercised the privilege granted it by the 35th section of the "Vancouver Water Works Company's Act, 1886," and given notice of the intention to proceed to arbitration, and to acquire the said works under the provisions of the said section;

And whereas the Vancouver Water Works Company has introduced a Bill into the House of Assembly at the present Session, having the object of forcing the city to arbitrate and pay any award that might be arrived at within a too limited time; and have also in the same Bill provided that in the event of the city not purchasing the said works within such limited time, that an exclusive monopoly shall be granted to the Water Works Company to supply the said city with water for a period of 10 (ten) years;

And whereas no notice was given by the Water Works Company of its intention to apply for such an Act, and has thereby taken the city by surprise, and if such an Act is passed the Council is of opinion that a gross injustice would be done to the city, and the citizens be practically placed at the mercy of the Water Works Company for ten years:

Be it therefore resolved, that a petition be forwarded to the House of Assembly urgently protesting against the passing of the said Bill on the grounds, amongst others,—

(1.) That no legal notice of the said Bill has been given by the said Water Works Company;

(2.) That the city has already availed themselves of the powers contained in the said 35th section, and given the notice required by that section;

(3.) That it would work a great hardship and injustice to the citizens granting any exclusive monopoly to any Water Works Company to supply the city with water;

(4.) That the city, if such an Act is passed, will be absolutely without any adequate protection in the case of fire within the city, as there is nothing in the "Vancouver Water Works Company's Act" obliging them to keep up a proper pressure in the event of fire;

And it was resolved that J. M. Browning act as an arbitrator on behalf of the city in the matter of an arbitration to be held to decide on the value of the plant and property of the Vancouver Water Works Company, under the provisions of the 35th section of the "Vancouver Water Works Company Act, 1886."

Your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable body will be pleased to reject the Bill as introduced by the Vancouver Water Works Company, as no proper notices have been advertised, as provided by the rules for the introduction of such a Bill, and as it would work a great injury to the city if your honourable body granted any exclusive rights whatever to the Vancouver Water Works Company, and as the city are desirous of proceeding to arbitration under the provisions of the 35th section of the "Vancouver Water Works Company Act, 1886."

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D. OPPENHEIMER,
Mayor.

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