

No 8.

## PETITION.

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*The Speaker and the Members of the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia:*

Petition of the undersigned, all of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, respectfully sheweth:—

That your petitioners are desirous that an Act of Incorporation may be passed by your honourable body constituting your petitioners and all such persons and corporations as shall become shareholders in the Company thereby created a body corporate and politic, under the name of the "Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company," for the purpose of building a railway from a point at or near Nicola Lake, in this Province, to the City of Vancouver, in this Province, and of doing all things appertaining thereto and connected therewith as hereinafter set out.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your honourable body may be pleased to pass an Act constituting your petitioners and such persons and corporations as shall become shareholders in the Company, thereby creating a body corporate and politic, under the name of the "Vancouver and Nicola Valley Railway Company," with power to construct, build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway, of standard or narrow gauge, from a point at or near Nicola Lake, in the Province of British Columbia, and running along the valley of the Nicola River to a point at or near the junction of the said Nicola River with the Coldwater River; thence following the course of the Coldwater River to the divide of the Coquihalla River; thence following down the Coquihalla Valley to the junction of the Coquihalla River with the Fraser River at or near Hope; thence along the south shore of the Fraser River to the railway bridge across the Fraser River at New Westminster, and thence to the City of Vancouver; with power to construct, equip, maintain and operate branch railways from any point on the proposed line or lines not exceeding in any one case fifty (50) miles in length, and with power to construct, acquire, own and maintain wharves and docks in connection therewith; and to construct, acquire, own, equip and maintain steam and other vessels and boats, and operate the same in any navigable waters; and to construct, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone wires along the routes of the said railway and its branches or in connection therewith; and to transmit messages for commercial purposes and to collect tolls therefor; and to acquire and receive from any Government, corporations or persons grants of lands, rights-of-way, money bonuses, privileges or other assistance in aid of the construction of the Company's undertaking, with power to use, own and operate water-power convenient to the road for railway and other purposes, and to exercise such powers as are granted by Parts IV. and V. of the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act," and to connect and enter into traffic or other arrangements with railway, steamboat or other companies, and for all rights, powers and privileges necessary, usual or incidental to all or any of the aforesaid purposes.

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

Dated at Vancouver, B.C., this 8th day of January, A.D. 1907.

Witness: J. J. PLOMMER.

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