
PETITION.

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

The petition of Eben E. Olcott, of the City of New York, mining engineer, humbly sheweth:—

1. That your petitioner was sent out in the summer of 1889 from the city of New York to prospect the flat opposite the town of Yale with a view of mining part of same for gold or other precious metals by hydraulicing or other operations.

2. That your petitioner prospected a part of said flat and staked out a tract of abandoned mining ground, fifty (50) chains long by eight (8) chains broad, and planted stakes, numbered one, two, three, four, at the corners of said tract, and which said tract is the swag or depression between the mountain on the east and the ridge on the west, and conforming more or less to the same, and which tract was to be known as the New York claim.

3. That your petitioner (being a free miner) on the first day of August, 1889, made an application in writing to the Gold Commissioner of the Yale mining district for a lease of the said lands for mining purposes as aforesaid.

4. That your petitioner, on the said first day of August, 1889, in pursuance of the "Mineral Act" of British Columbia, gave notice of his intention to apply to the said Gold Commissioner for authority and permission to take, carry away, and divert from their natural channels to the said New York claim, or any other mining grounds on the said flat he might become possessed of, or to any other claim or claims owned by others to whom it may be convenient to sell water, or for any use approved of by the Gold Commissioner, and in accordance with the said "Mineral Act," all the unentered and unappropriated waters of the streams known as Yale Creek and Hills Bar Creek, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for the minerlike working of the said claim.

5. That the bringing in of water by means of ditches and flumes from the said creeks and selling it at reasonable rates will enable miners or companies of miners to work other claims on the said flat, now abandoned on account of the great expense of bringing in sufficient water for minerlike operations.

6. That your petitioner is desirous of obtaining a lease of the said forty acre tract of abandoned mining ground, or the right to mine same for the precious metals, such lease or license to be for a term of twenty years, and of acquiring the waters of the said creeks for the said purposes.

Your petitioner therefore prays that your Honourable Body will be pleased to sanction an Act granting to your petitioner a lease of the lands aforesaid, or the right to search for and obtain and appropriate to his own use the precious metals underlying same, and to utilize so much of the unentered and unappropriated waters of Yale Creek and Hills Bar Creek as may be necessary for the minerlike working of said forty acre tract, and the supplying of companies or parties desirous of mining adjacent or contiguous grounds with water.

And your petitioner in duty bound will ever pray, &c.

EBEN E. OLCOTT,
by his attorney in fact,
D. M. EBERTS.