

No. 73.

PETITION.

To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, in Session assembled:

The petition of Ranulph Robert Gilpin, Stock-raiser; Alexander Fraser, Hotel-keeper; George Arthur Fraser, Druggist; Finlay Archibald Sinclair, Customs Officer; and Hugh St. Quentin Cayley, Barrister-at-law, the undersigned, all of the City of Grand Forks, in the Province of British Columbia, humbly sheweth:—

1. That your petitioners are desirous of being incorporated as a company to build, equip, maintain and operate a line or lines of railway from a point at or near the City of Grand Forks, in the Province of British Columbia; thence following the North Fork of Kettle River to the mouth of the East Fork of the said North Fork; thence along the valley of the West Fork of the said North Fork to Summit Creek; thence to the headwaters; and thence to the mouth of Eagle Creek and to Franklin Camp, as in their petition to your Honourable Body, sought to be presented, is more fully set out.

2. That there has been delay in presenting their petition herein, owing to the following circumstances:—

Your petitioners had entrusted this entire matter to one of their associates, Mr. R. A. Dickson, both as an associate and as solicitor.

That before seeking incorporation, Mr. Dickson went East, on behalf of the petitioners, to lay the matter before certain other intended associates, leaving Grand Forks for that purpose about the middle of December last past, but fell sick of pneumonia and remained sick at Toronto during January and part of February, and the utmost efforts of your petitioners, who understood his address to be Ottawa, failed to secure communication with him.

That immediately upon his recovery telegrams were exchanged, but your petitioners did not ascertain, until so notified on March 1st, that the petition herein had not been forwarded to petitioners' agents at Victoria.

That your petitioners thereupon, without delay, prepared a petition and forwarded it to their agents at Victoria.

That your petitioners believe they have, in all other respects, complied with the rules of your Honourable Body in respect hereto.

3. That the proposed line or lines of railway is of great public benefit and importance to the City of Grand Forks and all the mining camps up the North Fork of Kettle River, such camps as Gloucester and Franklin being without any present means of rail transportation to the smelters in the southern portions of this Province.

Wherefore, your petitioners humbly pray that your Honourable Assembly may be pleased to grant them leave to present their petition for incorporation.

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

R. R. GILPIN,	Grand Forks, B. C.,	Stock-raiser;
A. W. FRASER,	"	Hotel-keeper;
G. A. FRASER,	"	Druggist;
F. A. SINCLAIR,	"	Customs Officer;
H. S. CAYLEY,	"	Barrister-at-Law.

VICTORIA, B. C.:

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